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The Tenth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, State of Tennessee, convened in Odd Fellows Hall, Nashville, January 25, 1910, at 10 A. M.

A constitutional number of Subordinate Chapters having been reported as being represented, the Grand Chapter was called to order by Past Grand Matron Mrs. Ophelia Allan, who instructed the Associate Grand Conductress to invite the Grand Matron and other Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter-room.

GRAND OFFICERS.

The following Grand Officers responded to their names:

MRS. EVA C. BISHOP.....*Grand Matron*
FRANK E. BARTLEY.....*Grand Patron*
MRS. LYDIA M. RAINES.....*Associate Grand Matron*
PROF. JOE SIMS.....*Associate Grand Patron*
MRS. MARY R. FORBS.....*Grand Secretary*
MISS MOLLIE RIDLEY.....*Grand Treasurer*
MISS ALLIE M. LIPPINCOTT.....*Grand Conductress*
MRS. SARAH C. EBAUGH.....*Associate Grand Conductress*
MRS. GERTRUDE A. FORD (absent).....*Grand Adah*
MRS. GENEVA DODD.....*Grand Ruth*
MRS. ADA ATKINSON.....*Grand Esther*
MRS. MARY REED.....*Grand Martha*
MRS. ELIZABETH MONROTUS (absent).....*Grand Electa*
MRS. CYNTHIA MALONE.....*Grand Warder*
JOHN L. DUNLAP.....*Grand Sentinel*
MRS. CASWELL A. GOODLOE.....*Grand Marshal*
MRS. FRANCES HAUN.....*Grand Chaplain*
MRS. LILLIAN RIDGWAY (absent).....*Grand Organist*

The Grand Matron appointed vacancies in corps of Grand Officers as follows:

Grand Adah, Mrs. Lena B. Bartley, No. 41.
Grand Electa, Mrs. Anna Fleming, No. 53.
Grand Organist, Mrs. Penelope Hisey, No. 31.

OPENING GRAND CHAPTER.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Due Form, after which the Grand Matron announced the following committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Foreign Correspondent.—Mrs. Hoyland T. Martin, No. 22.

Finance, Ways and Means.—Albert S. Williams, No. 1; Sterling M. Price, No. 1; Wilbur F. Foster, No. 2.

Masonic Home.—Mrs. A. S. Williams, No. 1; Mrs. S. J. LeSueur, No. 1; Miss Mollie Ridley, No. 2.

Jurisprudence.—E. G. Johnson, No. 1; J. H. McClister, No. 31; Mrs. Ophelia Allan, No. 26.

Dispensations and Charters.—Charles Comstock, No. 4; Mrs. Mary B. Hamilton, No. 57; Mrs. Anna Fleming, No. 53.

Appeals and Grievances.—Samuel Kibler, No. 46; Mrs. Anna M. Bryan, No. 55; Mrs. Effie Outlaw, No. 17.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Credentials.—Dr. T. A. Hisey, No. 31, Chairman; Mrs. Rowe Courtney, No. 41; Miss Victoria Butcher, No. 14.

State of the Order.—Mrs. Electa Conditt, No. 3, Chairman; Mrs. Mollie Garrison, No. 61; Ed. A. Woodson, No. 5.

Unfinished Business.—Mrs. Julia L. Gaines, No. 44, Chairman; Mrs. Kate Wilson, No. 26; Andrew P. Jackson, No. 15.

Memorial.—James H. McClister, No. 31, Chairman; Mrs. E. G. Johnson, No. 1; Miss Ida Ridley, No. 2.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

The Grand Conductress, Miss Allie M. Lippincott, by direction of the Grand Matron, presented the following distinguished guests in the East, where they were received with Grand Honors:

Mrs. Hoyland T. Martin, Past Grand Matron, Tennessee.
Mrs. Electa A. Conditt, Past Grand Matron, Tennessee.
Mrs. Ophelia Allan, Past Grand Matron, Tennessee.
Albert S. Williams, Past Grand Patron, Tennessee.
Edward G. Johnson, Past Grand Patron, Tennessee.

The Past Grand Officers were accorded a hearty welcome by Frank E. Bartley, Grand Patron, as follows:

Sisters and Brothers:

It affords me a great deal of pleasure to extend to you a fraternal greeting to this our tenth annual session. It is useless for me to say you are welcome, for you already know that you are. What could we do without our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons? We could not hold our Grand Chapter meeting without you. You are our guiding stars, our source of strength and wisdom; we turn to you for counsel and advice and always receive a hearty response. I trust you will be with us for many years, and that you will derive as much pleasure from this meeting as we do from having you among us.

The welcome was responded to by Mrs. Hoyland T. Martin, Past Grand Matron, as follows:

Worthy Grand Patron:

In behalf of these Past Grand Matrons and Patrons I thank you for your hearty welcome. I am sure I voice their sentiments when I say we are glad to be here. They are very comfortable—their labors done and the honors won—"no fears to beat away; no strife to heal—the past unsighed for, and the future sure."

They wish they could have had the experience before you put them into office, then they would have less regret that they did not accomplish more, while serving as Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons, for—

> " 'Tis not the things we've done, but what we've left undone,
> That robs the day of pleasure at setting of the sun."

However, they have had the experience now, and are fully prepared to dispense, gratuitously, the one thing which our juniors are always willing to dispense with, viz., advice.

We regret that our ranks are not full, and assure you that it is not lack of interest that has kept any of our number away from this meeting, and we are sure that those whom you do not see here are here nevertheless, in spirit. We can't help loving the new friends, but "words can never trace out the fibers that knit us to the old."

> "Old scenes, old friends, will lovelier be
> The more of heaven in each we see."

Sisters and Brothers, as we have been earnest and sincere in the past, let us double our efforts for the future, to be perfect, not only in our ritual work, but in showing forth in our lives the grand principles of our Order.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted to the East and received by the Grand Chapter with the Grand Honors:

Arkansas.—Mrs. Lula Brown.
Connecticut.—Mrs. Gussie K. Goodloe.
Iowa.—Mrs. Geneva Dood.
Indiana.—Mrs. Mary R. Forbs.
Maine.—Mrs. Anna Fleming.
Michigan.—Mrs. Bessie Carr.
New Hampshire.—Mrs. Electa Conditt.
New York.—Miss Allie M. Lippincott.
North Dakota.—Miss Ida Ridley.
Oklahoma.—Miss Victoria Butcher.
Oregon.—Mrs. Hattie A. Shelton.
Vermont.—Mrs. Cynthia Malone.
Texas.—Mrs. Lena B. Bartley.

Associate Grand Patron Joe Sims greeted the Grand Representatives as follows:

It is a pleasant duty to me to extend to you, in behalf of our Grand Matron and the Grand Chapter, a most hearty welcome. Not only is it a pleasant duty but a great privilege.

We are glad to welcome such a large number representing our sister States. It shows that we are growing stronger as the great wheel of time continues its repeated cycle.

We rejoice to have such a large gathering here to extend to you these greetings; the more because we have just come into our tenth year as a Grand Chapter, and we are proud of the growth we have made during these ten years. It is natural for a child at this age to boast about itself and long for the time when it shall be full grown. So do we, but only that we may become strong to do a greater work in performing those acts of kindness and forbearance so essential to our welfare and prosperity. We never expect to stop growing as long as there is love and truth to add links to the golden chain of loving kindness, relief and happiness; as long as there is one who ought to wear the star that wise men followed in centuries past and gone; as long as there are any who will show by their life that they have seeni ts light and are willing subjects to follow where it leads until their lives are reflected in its effulgent rays over this State in one unbroken chain. We hope to hear from each of you good reports for the year that has just passed into history of the Grand Jurisdictions of which you represent.

Again let me extend to you and the Grand Chapters which you represent the most hearty fraternal greetings from the Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

The greeting was responded to by Mrs. Lena B. Bartley, Grand Representative of Texas, as follows:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Members of the Grand Chapter:

It is a great pleasure to me to express to you, in behalf of the Grand Representatives, our sincere appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for the welcome, so warm and generous, which has been extended to us. Surely it is good to be here and share in this pleasant hospitality.

We come to you from our respective Jurisdictions bearing messages of love and fraternal greeting, good wishes and earnest solicitude for the success and harmony of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee. May the valuable instruction we receive here impress upon us more forcibly the importance of this great work, and may the beautiful lessons of our beloved Order—the fidelity of Adah, the constancy of Ruth, the purity of Esther, the faith of Martha and the charity of Electa—be so deeply implanted in us that our lives will shed forth a radiance as pure and bright as the Star which shines in the East.

Again we thank you for this cordial welcome.

MINUTES OF 1909.

Printed copies of the minutes of the last annual meeting of the Grand Chapter having been distributed, the reading of them was, on motion, dispensed with.

WELCOME.

Dr. W. H. Bumpas, Past Patron of East Nashville Chapter, No. 1, extended to the delegates and visitors a cordial welcome which was coupled with fraternal asssurance of the hospitality of the local Chapter which he represented.

W. A. Green, Worthy Patron of Rock City Chapter, No. 2, read the following address of welcome by John F. House, Past Worthy Patron of Rock City Chapter, No. 2 (who was detained on account of illness).

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers of the Order of Eastern Star:

It was a pleasing duty assigned to me to welcome the members of this Grand Body, on behalf of the local Chapters. Your annual sessions held in this city are looked forward to by the members of these Chapters with much pleasure. The fact that the sessions are always held here is an especial privilege, which the Nashville Chapters should and do appreciate.

It has been my pleasure during the past several years that I have been a member of the Board of Control of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home of Tennessee, to observe more closely the work of the Order of the Eastern Star, and I compliment you upon the part you have taken, and congratulate you upon the success you have achieved. You have left an imprint that cannot be erased, and have opened the eyes of the "Great Masonic Fraternity" of this State to the fact that the wives, widows, mothers and sisters of Master Masons appreciate such an institution. I know of no way in which this Order can win the plaudits, not only of Freemasonry, but of mankind generally than by continuing to stand side by side with their fathers and brothers in their efforts to lift higher and higher the grandest monument that could be erected, a *home* for the widow and the fatherless.

It has been my good fortune during the past year to make two trips to the great Lone Star State, and in one of its western towns where I spent most of my time I found a Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. The welcome I received there was one of the brightest features of my trips, and the renewal of the close friendships formed with my sisters and brothers there, is being looked forward to by me as one of the greatest pleasures of this trip. It served another purpose also, and that was to remind me that the Order has reached proportions of which we are hardly aware. May it continue to prosper and grow, and may you assembled here as the representatives of this great band, composed largely of the noble womanhood of the State, do all within your power to advance its interests. Let us strive to live up to the high ideals taught us from the first moment we entered the outer door, and remember the example of those whose deeds have made for them such renown, that all those who "have seen his star in the East," will ever pay homage to Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha and Electa.

The latch string is on the outside, and it is the earnest wish of the local members that every moment of your time spent here may be enjoyable, and may the memories of the tenth annual session of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star be such that in after years you may all look back and recall with delight the happy incidents thereof.

RESPONSE TO ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

Mrs. Lydia M. Raines, Associate Grand Matron, on behalf of the Grand Chapter, responded as follows:

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Visitors of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee:

I esteem it a privilege as well as a pleasure to attempt to respond to the encouraging and eloquent address of the Past Worthy Patron of East Nashville Chapter, No. 1, and Past Worthy Patron of Rock City Chapter, No. 2, and when I look about me and see so many earnest men and women I know that you as well as I are in the house of our friends.

Human welfare may be described under three heads: Physical, mental and spiritual.

These three elements are correlated, each bound closely with the others, and together they represent the scope of all human endeavor.

Without minimizing in the least the other two, we, as an organization, principally need the spiritual.

Physical welfare is the foundation of race welfare in the broadest sense. We are teaching the young how to live so as to preserve their bodies, the temple of the soul. We are establishing hospitals, promoting lectures on health and organizing national health conferences.

We are sounding the tocsin of war on disease germs to eliminate suffering and prolong our lives.

We are devoting millions of dollars to improving our minds that we may have a sound mind in a sound body. We want our children to be capable of filling any station in life to which their environment may fit them or their ambition call them. We are apt to forget that we owe an obligation to our fellowman far beyond the demands of society or the value of the dollar.

When we look on the beautiful dome of the National Capitol at Washington and the legislative chambers beneath we have scarcely a thought of the foundation on which it all so securely rests; yet, it is there, and without it the dome and the chambers could not meet our vision.

So physical welfare seems to me to be the necessary foundation for the mental welfare, and we should so perfect them that we may lose sight of them and give our contemplation and thoughts to higher welfare. In other words, physical and mental welfare are only means to welfare on a higher plane.

We were taught to lisp our prayers at our mother's knee. We wer taught at Sunday-school the straight and narrow way, the minister the Gospel promotes morality and spirituality, but in the Chapter r are most impressively taught our obligations to each other and to Goc 'Tis here we feel the uplift that makes us love our neighbor as ourselves; 'tis here our hearts grow warmer, and 'tis here we are all engaged in furthering human progress in the uplift of humanity.

We have met in the tenth annual session to renew our pledges, to strengthen our resolutions and to become better acquainted. We view with pride and pleasure the new Chapters added to our ranks during the year. We thank our beneficent Creator that our lives have been spared to thus meet and greet our sisters and brothers from all over this Grand State. To them I earnestly say we hear the cry of the Macedonian "Come over and help us."

"Like children crying in the night;
Like children crying for the light,
And with no language but a cry."

I particularly urge you, brethren, to heed this still, small voice which calls to you in a language you can all comprehend.

Do your duty towards your wives, sisters, mothers and daughters; organize Chapters so they may become members; live pure lives and your neighbors will love and respect you and posterity will rise up and call you blessed. In the name of the Grand Chapter, I thank you.

ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON.

Mrs. Eva C. Bishop, Worthy Grand Matron, delivered the following Address:

Worthy Grand Patron, Officers, Members and Visitors of the Order of the Eastern Star, Tennessee:

It is indeed gratifying to me to see the bright faces of so many representatives here this morning, and it gives me great pleasure to extend to you, one and all, a most cordial and fraternal greeting.

Many of you have met here year after year and to you it is a pleasant reunion. I trust while you are enjoying the glad hand-shakes you will be mindful of those who are with us for the first time. Bid them welcome and make them to feel that they are sisters and brothers and truly a part of this Grand Body.

From the familiar faces before me I gather inspiration and can realize and understand something of their love and devotion to our noble Order and their desire to labor for the betterment of mankind. To those who are with us for the first time let me say, that I sincerely hope that this meeting will prove both pleasant and profitable and that you may be able to carry away with you much that will prove beneficial in many ways, and that all the year through there will be with you a strong desire to repeat your pilgrimage to this shrine.

Another year, with its joys and sorrows, its pleasures and pains, has been added to the record of the past, and we meet in our tenth annual session to review the work of the year and lay out plans for the future. We should each feel the responsibility of properly conducting the affairs of this Grand Jurisdiction.

The work before you at this time is of great importance. Among the matters of first importance is the consideration of the revision of our Constitution, By-laws, Rules and Regulations. This matter was placed in the hands of a competent committee at our last session, and the committee is now ready to report.

I am rejoiced to be able to report the circle of Grand Officers unbroken, but the household chain of many members of our Order has lost a link, and the Silent Messenger has called them to the spiritual world. For those whom we wrongly call dead there is loving remembrance, holiest regard and the cherishing of every memory, with only thoughts of affection. To those they leave behind human sympathy is precious, and we would extend ours in the most tender manner. To the grief-stricken of sister Jurisdictions we would give that sympathy and fraternal love which will assure them that their sorrows are to us a source of sadness.

MRS. EVA C. BISHOP,

Worthy Grand Matron, 1905.

At an appropriate time during this session the Committee on Necrology will read the roll of the departed and conduct such memorial service as they have prepared. I recommend that suitable pages of our proceedings be inscribed with the names of our fraternal dead.

OFFICIAL ACTS.

My first official act, after naming the appointive Grand Officers, was to appoint, in conjunction with the Grand Patron, the following standing committees:

Foreign Correspondent.—Mrs. Hoyland T. Martin, No. 22.

Finance, Ways and Means.—Albert S. Williams, No. 1; Sterling M. Price, No. 1; Wilbur F. Foster, No. 2.

Masonic Home.—Mrs. A. S. Williams, No. 1; Mrs. S. J. LeSueur, No. 1; Miss Mollie Ridley, No. 2.

Jurisprudence.—E. G. Johnson, No. 1; J. H. McClister, No. 31; Mrs. Ophelia Allan, No. 26.

Dispensations and Charters.—Charles Comstock, No. 4; Mrs. Mary B. Hamilton, No. 57; Mrs. Anna Fleming, No. 53.

Appeals and Grievances.—Samuel Kibler, No. 46; Mrs. Anna M. Bryan, No. 55; Mrs. Effie Outlaw, No. 17.

Revision Constitution and By-laws.—J. H. McClister, No. 31; S. M. Price, No. 1; Mrs. Mary R. Forbs, No. 1.

On Entertainment Grand Chapter, 1910.—Mrs. Ophelia Allan, No. 26.

DISPENSATIONS AND COMMISSIONS.

My first official duty after returning home from Grand Chapter was to grant special dispensations, to all Chapters receiving charters at the last session, to elect and install officers.

February 8, I commissioned the following as my special deputies to institute and install officers of the newly chartered Chapters, as follows:

Emmett W. Wood, Naomi Chapter, No. 64.
Frank E. Bartley, Mossy Creek, No. 65, and Knoxville, No. 69.
A. C. Mason, Newbern Chapter, No. 66.
G. W. Wroten, Mt. Vernon Chapter, No. 67.
J. W. Raulston, Sulphur Springs, No. 68.
Robert W. Stout, Lowreyville Chapter, No. 70.
Joseph M. Horn, Granville Chapter, No. 72.
George P. Hurt, Bob Reavis Chapter, No. 71.
P. D. Hall, Victory Chapter, No. 73.

From letters received I learn that my deputies performed the duties assigned them.

November 29, I commissioned Brother Joe Sims to institute West Point Chapter, No. 54, and install officers.

December 14, I commissioned Brother Joe Sims, my deputy, for special work.

WAIVER OF JURISDICTION.

May 13, at the request of the Grand Matron of North Carolina, I issued a waiver of jurisdiction over Mr. A. G. Grayson and daughter, Miss Mary E. Grayson, both of Trade Postoffice, Johnson County.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

For good and sufficient reasons I granted the following special dispensations:

January 28, to West Point Chapter, No. 54, to elect and install officers out of time.

February 9, Amanda Chapter, No. 4, to elect and install Secretary.

March 30, Wards Chapel, No. 39, to change time of meeting.

April 23, Fidelity Chapter, No. 46, to change time of meeting.

April 9, Memphis Chapter, No. 62, to elect and install Conductress and Associate Conductress.

May 2, May Chapter, No. 24, to open regular meeting on evening of May 25 at 6 o'clock.

June 30, West Point Chapter, No. 54, to change time of meeting.

November 26, Bethpage Chapter, No. 5, to change time of meeting.

November 29, West Point Chapter, No. 54, to install officers.

Having received notice from Associate Grand Patron, Brother Joe Sims, that West Point Chapter, No. 54, had never been instituted or officers installed since receiving their charter, January 28, 1908, I granted the above dispensation free of charge.

December 3, Rock City Chapter, No. 2, to change time of meeting.

December 14, Hamblen Chapter, No. 31, to elect and install officers out of time.

December 16, Laurel Chapter, No. 22, to elect Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron.

December 17, Mt. Lebanon Chapter, No. 60, to install officers and hold regular meetings until this session of Grand Chapter without charter, their charter having been destroyed by burning of their hall. (I recommend that this Chapter be granted a new charter free of charge.)

December 20, Amanda Chapter, No. 4, to elect Secretary out of time.

December 21, Tate Springs Chapter, No. 36, to elect and install officers.

December 30, Queen Esther Chapter, No. 25, to elect and install officers

January 7, John Bell Chapter, No. 44, to elect and install officers.

December 30, Evangeline Chapter, No. 48, to install officers in connection with Mountain City Lodge, F. & A. M., in their hall.

January 2, Beech Chapter, No. 61, to install out of time.

January 2, Victory Chapter, No. 73, to elect and install out of time.

January 2, Mossy Creek Chapter, No. 65, to change date of meeting.

Refused to grant the following dispensations:

August 9, Standing Stone Chapter, No. 53, to receive and ballot on petition the same evening.

December 30, Elmwood Chapter, No. 3, to initiate candidate without waiver of jurisdiction.

BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS APPROVED.

April 1, Fidelity Chapter, No. 46, by-laws.

April 4, May Chapter, No. 24, by-laws.

June 28, Rock City Chapter, No. 2, amendment to change initiation fee from two dollars to three dollars.

January 10, Woodlawn Chapter, U. D., by-laws.

BONDS.

June 8, I approved bonds of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

APPOINTMENT OF GRAND TREASURER.

Sister Frances M. Stephens tendered her resignation as Grand Treasurer September 1, as she expected to be absent from this Grand Jurisdiction remainder of this year or longer. With reluctance the resignation of Sister Stephens was accepted and I had the pleasure of appointing Sister Mollie Ridley, of Rock City Chapter, No. 2, to fill out the unexpired term.

LIGHTING MASONIC HOME.

After the marked success of the Order last year, in furnishing the Old Woman's Building, at the Masonic Home, we were encouraged to believe that other good work of similar character could be accomplished. In response to the request of the Board of Control, to provide electric lights for the Home, the Grand Patron and I undertook this work, feeling sure that we would have the aid and hearty co-operation of every member in this Jurisdiction. In order to present the matter clearly to the various Subordinate Chapters over the State, to the end that they might understand just what the Order had undertaken, I issued the following

CIRCULAR LETTER:

CROSSVILLE, TENN., March 15,

To all Subordinate Chapters, O. E. S., of Tennessee, Greetings:

I send you a message of love and good cheer.

The past record of the Order is one of great usefulness and beauty; far beyond what many expected. The good deeds of the past stand as a beacon to light our way to further acts of kindness and mercy. The fraternal spirit is growing wonderfully and that growth is being shown each year by some deed of charity and loving kindness, through the united efforts of the Chapters all over our beloved State.

The Home for Masonic Widows and Orphans has been, for many years, the pride of every Mason in Tennessee. It has inspired men to cultivate that which is best and noblest in their natures. "Woman's heart beats responsive to the same inspiration that prompts man to noble deeds."

While our Eastern Star Chapters have ever been active in assisting the good work of Masonry, last year a special and specific work was under-

taken and carried to completion in furnishing the Old Woman's Building at the Home. The furnishing of said Home cost something less than $600.

The Board of Control has asked the Eastern Star to assist again this year, by furnishing electric lights for the Home. The Home is lighted now by oil lamps, which all readily recognize are very dangerous, especially where there are so many children—there now being over one hundred in the Home.

The estimated cost is about $1,000. This amount I now ask the Chapters to raise. With 53 Chapters last year we raised $666.05. Of that amount a little less than $100 remains to be applied toward lighting the Home. Our membership is now over 2,900. Considering our increase in membership and the zeal of all Eastern Stars, the amount asked is not large.

There are now 63 active Chapters, which means only $16 to each Chapter, as the number now stands. There will be several new Chapters organized this year and all will want to assist in this work of sweet charity. Some few Chapters, we realize, cannot give that much, but all can give something, and we feel sure most all can give their pro rata amount.

We ask each Chapter to go to work at once and put forth a special effort for this object, for many precious lives are daily in more or less danger from the present method of using oil lamps.

It is left to each Chapter to choose its own method of raising the amount asked. Some Chapters raise money for special needs by entertainments, by the Penny March and by individual subscriptions.

With an abiding faith in the love, devotion and zeal of every member of the Order for the principles on which the Order of the Eastern Star is founded, and believing every Chapter will do a generous part, cheerfully and gladly, I subscribe myself,

Lovingly and fraternally,

EVA CLINE BISHOP,
Worthy Grand Matron.

By November the light plant had been installed, but the expenses incident thereto had not been met by the Eastern Star. Realizing that numerous Chapters had already taken steps to raise funds to assist in meeting that expense, but had not yet sent it in, and that other Chapters had been somewhat slow to act, we deemed it advisable to issue another circular letter urging those Chapters that had funds raised for the Home, but had not sent it in, to forward same at once and to urge prompt action on the part of others. On November 4 we mailed to the various Chapters the following letter:

HARRIMAN, Nov. 4. 1909.

To the Worthy Matrons, Officers, Sisters and Brothers of O. E. S., in Tennessee, Greetings:

On the 15th day of March I issued a circular letter notifying the various Chapters that at the request of the Board of Control of the Masonic

Widows and Orphans' Home, Nashville, the Eastern Star had undertaken to provide the necessary funds to install a modern lighting plant to supplant the present dangerous method of using oil lamps. The estimated cost of this much needed improvement is $1,000.

There being over one hundred children in the Home, you will readily see the grave danger that daily besets these precious ones whose comfort and lives are intrusted to the care and guidance of those in charge of the Home.

We started in this year with 63 active Chapters and a membership of nearly 3,000. With this large membership—to say nothing of the increase through growth—the amount necessary from each member to raise $1,000 is very small.

The amount of funds received thus far is small, but we feel sure many Chapters are actively at work and will soon respond with all or a part of their donation.

If your Chapter has done nothing or little, I trust you will allow the daily danger that threatens these little ones at the Home to weigh heavily on your heart and cause each member and Chapter to push forward with renewed energy to the work of raising as much as possible for the proposed work and send same to Sister Mary R. Forbs, Grand Secretary, 229 Fifth Ave., North, Nashville, as early as possible, that there may be no failure in completing the work at an early date.

Realizing as I do that Eastern Star members everywhere are ever ready to assist in the noble work undertaken by our beloved Order each year, I am encouraged to lay this matter before you in a heart to heart talk, feeling sure the response will be prompt, cheerful and generous.

It is especially urged that all Chapters send in as much of their intend donations as possible, not later than the last of this month.

To the Chapters that have already responded, the heartfelt thanks over one hundred little orphans join with me in sincere gratitude for loving help, even though it may have been small as the Widow's Mite

Lovingly and fraternally,

EVA CLINE BISHOP,
Worthy Grand Matron.

It has been my pleasure to recommend the appointment of the following of our Grand Chapter to represent other Grand Jurisdictions:

Kansas.....Mrs. Annie Laney
Oregon.....Mrs. Hattie A. Shelton
Maine.....Mrs. Anna Fleming
Indiana.....Mrs. Mary R. Forbs
West Virginia.....Mrs. Dollie M. Comstock
North Carolina.....Mrs Belle McMurray
Texas.....Mrs. Lena B. Bartley
Nevada.....Mrs. Georgia A. Grove

Michigan.....Mrs. Bessie Carr
Oklahoma.....Miss Victoria Butcher
Arkansas.....Mrs. Lula Brown
Wyoming.....Mrs. Fannie Davis

It has also been a pleasure to appoint the following to represent the Grand Chapter of Tennessee near their respective Grand Chapters for three years:

Oregon.....Mrs. Myrtle Connor
West Virginia.....Miss Addie Cary
Connecticut.....Mrs. J. B. Moffett
North Carolina.....Miss Cora B. Douglas
Oklahoma.....Mrs. Sophia Brown
Texas.....Mrs. America C. Rea
Rhode Island.....Mrs. Julia B. Anthony
Arkansas.....Mrs. Carrie McClintock
Wyoming.....Mrs. Nellie M. Thorn
Nevada.....Mrs. Pollie Martin
California.....Mrs. Mary Josephine Young

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Q. I have a sister who was paralyzed from a child and has never gained strength enough in feet and legs to enable her to walk; she has good use of hands and arms; has perfect health and a strong mind. Will her condition prevent her from joining the Eastern Star?

A. No. Physical infirmities that do not affect the mind or sight or prevent the applicant from making the signs should not stand as a bar to membership in our Order, provided always, that the candidate can approach the altar to receive the obligation.

Q. Can the petition of a woman be received before her husband has taken all the degrees necessary to make him a Master Mason?

A. No. She is not eligible until her husband is made a Master Mason, unless she can claim her eligibility through a father, brother or son. See Ritual, page 1, under "Membership."

Q. A woman whose first husband was a Mason, but is married again, and second husband is not a Mason; is she eligible to receive the degrees of the Eastern Star?

A. No, unless she can claim eligibility through some other source.

Q. Can a Chapter call off at a regular meeting and set time at a future date and transact business the same as at a regular meeting? Or in other words, continue the business of the regular meeting at another date?

A. No.

Q. Is the step-daughter of a Mason eligible to become a member of the Order?

A. No, unless she is legally adopted.

Q. Is it right for a Worthy Matron to appoint a visiting member to fill a chair for an unexpired term?

A. No. She is not a member of that Chapter. She may be asked to fill the place for an evening, but no member of the Order can be either elected or appointed to an office in any Chapter of which they are not a member.

INVITATIONS.

I have received invitations to attend the Grand Chapter meetings of nearly all of our Sister Jurisdictions. These were acknowledged with greetings from Tennessee.

May 18, together with the members of my home Chapter, I was pleased to accept the invitation of Laurel Chapter, Harriman, to be their guest at a special meeting. On our arrival we were met by the leading officers of the Chapter and driven about the city until six o'clock sharp, when we were ushered into the banquet hall of the Chapter, where a magnificent repast was spread, for which this Chapter and the Masonic fraternity of Harriman are justly famous. Such occasions are productive of much good for the Order and should be encouraged. We returned to our homes with the kindest feelings and a stronger fraternal love for Laurel Chapter.

May 25, the Worthy Grand Patron and myself were the guests of honor on the occasion of the celebration of the sixth anniversary of May Chapter, Knoxville. The sincere and hearty fraternal spirit that was manifest throughout the evening, and the good work that we witnessed on this occasion, led us to feel that May Chapter is one of the banner Chapters in the State, in more ways than mere numbers.

From several Chapters throughout the State I received kind invitations to be with them on St. John's Day in June, but as I could accept only one invitation, I visited Mary Chapter, Clarkrange, it being the nearest to my home. An all day meeting was held with a picnic dinner at noon. Our long ride had sharpened our appetites for the splendid repast spread before us and we did ample justice to the same.

Several Chapters sent invitations to install their officers, but the inclement weather at that season of the year caused me to refrain from accepting any that were far distant from my home. I did, however, perform that work for Laurel Chapter, Harriman, on the evening of December 31, assisted by Brother B. A. Treat, Past Grand Patron of Connecticut, as Grand Marshal.

I received numerous invitations to be with Chapters on various special occasions, a few of which I accepted, and many it was impossible for me to accept. I sincerely regret that I could not accept all. It is my hope that our incoming Grand Matron will have fewer family cares to tie her at home to the end that she may be able to respond more generally to these invitations, than has been possible with me, for in them I see an opportunity for much good work for the Order.

COURTESIES.

On my return from Grand Chapter last year, on the first regular meeting night, my home Chapter, Amanda, No. 4, presented me with a beautiful Grand Matron's pin. That act of kindness was only a forerunner of the continued and unfailing manifestations of love and esteem that the members of my Chapter have shown me throughout the year. It is impossible for me to express my appreciation of this beautiful gift, but it is no dearer to me than the continued kindness shown.

Scarcely was I inducted into office until I began to receive letters of congratulations and good wishes for a year of profitable work, coupled with a large measure of pleasure. These kind remembrances were a source of much cheer and encouragement to me and are treasured in memory among the sweet events of life.

As the holiday season approached I received many attractive and beautiful greetings appropriate to the season. While the larger number were from members of this Jurisdiction, I also received many from Grand Matrons of Sister Jurisdictions. I sent Christmas greetings to all my associate Grand Officers, the most of whom have responded with many good wishes for the New Year.

One of the most unusual, unique and pleasing missives that I have received this year, was the announcement of the marriage of the Grand Secretary of Oklahoma.

CORRESPONDENCE.

With the remarkable growth in membership, which this Jurisdiction has enjoyed the past ten years, the correspondence of the Worthy Grand Matron has grown from a pleasant recreation to that of a task of large proportions. While it is a task there is much pleasure and profit to be derived therefrom. I have received several hundred letters, most of which have received a reply. If any have been neglected I trust they will be charitable enough to feel that this neglect was not intentional. I have also issued three circular letters, which are incorporated in this report. But, withal, nothing connected with this office will be so much missed as these letters from members of the Order.

NEW GRAND CHAPTER.

Early in March I received notice from the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Sister Loraine J. Pitkin, that the Grand Chapters of Indian Territory and Oklahoma were merged into one Grand Body on the 12th day of February, to be known as the "Grand Chapter of Oklahoma."

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

December 1, I appointed the following Special Committees:

Credentials.—Dr. T. A. Hisey, No. 31, Chairman; Mrs. H. R. Courtney, No. 41; Miss Victoria Butcher, No. 14.

State of the Order.—Mrs. Electa Conditt, No. 3, Chairman; Mrs. Mollie Garrison, No. 61; Ed. A. Woodson, No. 5.

Unfinished Business.—Mrs. Julia L Gaines, No. 44, Chairman; Mrs. Kate Wilson, No. 26; A. P. Jackson, No. 15.

Memorial.—J. H. McClister, No. 31, Chairman; Mrs. E. G. Johnson, No. 1; Miss Ida Ridley, No. 2.

Last January, when I was elected Grand Matron of the Order in this State, I deeply appreciated the honor conferred and silently resolved to give to the work, for the next twelve months, my very best efforts. At that time I felt strong enough to believe I could visit every Chapter in the State and with that aim in view I wished to secure all the information possible touching the condition of each Chapter, before making my official visit to them. Feeling that I would be much better prepared to assist Chapters, if I was informed as to their special needs, I issued the following letter of inquiry:

CROSSVILLE, TENN., March 29, 1909.

To the Worthy Matrons, Officers of the Various Chapters, Order of the Eastern Star, Greetings:

It is my purpose to visit as many Chapters as possible this year. I will spare no effort to make my visit as helpful as I am able and conditions will permit. In order to render the best service, it will be necessary for me to know your greatest needs. To arrive at that, I append hereto a few questions touching the points where many Chapters are weak.

I ask that you write me fully and freely in answer to these questions and give any other information that you think will be helpful to me in determining how best to assist your Chapter, and to remove the obstacles that prevent your most rapid and healthful growth. Kindly favor me with as early a reply to this letter as you can conveniently.

Have you ever had a visit from a Grand Officer? If so, whom?

Is there harmony and interest among your members in the wor? If not, why not?

What do you consider the greatest need of your Chapter?

Do your officers commit their parts or do they read from the ritual?

What social features have you tried to create interest in the Order?

Do you give entertainments to raise money for the Masonic Home?

Can you get the use of your hall at any other than regular meeting night?

Which is the more convenient season of the year to receive a visit from the Worthy Grand Matron, spring or fall?

Are any members of your Chapter subscribers for any Eastern Star papers?

Please give me time of arrival at your town or railroad point; also what line of road. If not on railroad, how far must I travel by other conveyance and how can I best arrange for necessary conveyance?

Fraternally yours,

EVA CLINE BISHOP,
Worthy Grand Matron.

Notwithstanding I was unable to visit many of the Chapters over the State, from reports received from Chapters not visited, as well as the information gleaned where I did visit, I feel sure that this circular letter proved of much benefit, in that it stimulated many Chapters to put forth a greater effort to overcome one of their greatest drawbacks, which is a better understanding and a more forceful rendition of the Ritual.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I now come to that part of my labors for the year that has been to me the most pleasant, my official visits. While I fell far short of accomplishing what I had planned and hoped to do, I am glad to be able to report some good results from the visits I made. Everywhere I was most cordially received and given all the honors and recognition due my official position. The memories of the many courtesies extended to me by the good Sisters and Brothers will ever remain as "beautiful pictures on memory's wall."

May 22, I visited Chilhowee Chapter, No. 30, Madisonville. This Chapter has a membership of forty-five and seemed to be very enthusiastic, but, on account of a two day's rain and a great many of the members living in the country, the attendance was small on this occasion. The work was exemplified in an earnest manner, with few exceptions the parts being rendered without the use of a ritual. We were hospitably entertained at the home of Brother and Sister Stickley.

May 25, in company with our Grand Patron, I visited May Chapter, No. 24, Knoxville, on the occasion of the sixth anniversary of the Chapter. A splendid meeting: officers exemplified the ritualistic work in a very impresive manner on eight candidates. This is not only one of the largest Chapters in the State, but one that is still increasing rapidly and doing splendid work. They have been working faithfully and earnestly for our Masonic Home Fund this year, the result of which you will hear later.

May 27, in company with Brother Bartley, Sister Reed and others, I visited Martha Dandridge Chapter, No. 58. Only a quorum present. Some of the officers seemed discouraged because of lack of interest on the part of some of the members. The officers all used the Ritual, except the Associate Matron. We gave them instructions as best we could and tried to impress upon them that in order to interest your candidate and impress her with the beauties of our Ritual, it should be rendered feelingly, and this cannot be done when read from the book.

May 28, I had the pleasure of visiting the home Chapter of our Grand Patron, Sister Bartley being the Worthy Matron. She, together with her corps of officers, rendered the work in a very creditable manner. I anticipated good work in this Chapter and was not disappointed. The Worthy Patron, Brother Edward Burling, was the best I heard on my trip.

May 29, went to Midway Chapter, No. 50, but could not have a meeting, because there were not enough members present for a quorum. The greatest drawback to this Chapter seems to be lack of interest on the part of some of the members, but, as in other places, there are a few faithful workers holding together and trusting to be reinforced by new members.

On May 31, in company with Sister Reed, we reached Fall Branch two days before the regular meeting of Washington Chapter, No. 57, at which time I had set to make my official visit. We were entertained and made to feel very much at home under the hospitable roof of Sister Mary B. Hamilton. Much of the time, when not busy with Chapter work, was taken up with social visiting with members and friends. On the afternoon of June 2 we had a meeting for practice and instruction, and in the evening of the same day made my official visit. One candidate being in waiting, the degrees were conferred in a very creditable manner. The instruction I gave them seemed to be much appreciated. Every one seemed so interested and desirous of learning all they could that it was thought best to call a meeting for instruction and practice at 9 o'clock the next morning, and in spite of the rain and mud a goodly number was present. I was much impressed with the material in this Chapter and predict for it a bright future.

June 5, met with Erwin Chapter, No. 29. Had a perfect downpour of rain in the afternoon, but enough officers were present to fill the chairs, except Patron and Sentinel. This was wholly a ladies' meeting, as not a man was present. We turned it into a practice meeting and drilled them in signs and passes and balloting; also helped them in opening march. Some of the officers in this Chapter are very proficient in their work.

June 7, visited Utopia Chapter, No. 27, Piney Flats. This is the home of our Grand Adah. Had a good meeting. Most of the officers were very efficient in their work, especially the Worthy Matron. The work of the Conductress and Electa was of the best. Spent the night with Sister Ford and next morning went to Watauga, where I expected to meet with Hope Chapter No. 35, but owing to failure to receive notice of my intended visit could not have meeting as members were too scattered to get them together on such short notice. As my time was limited I failed to have a meeting with them at all. I was sorry for this and would have liked to visit them at a more convenient time, but many duties prevented.

June 10, I met with Mossy Creek Chapter, No. 65, Jefferson City. This is one of the new Chapters that received its charter at our last session. Owing to the absence of the Worthy Patron and some other officers, the work was not exemplified in as good a manner as it doubtless would have been had all officers been present. I think I am safe in saying that the greatest need of this Chapter is a little more knowledge of the work and confidence in their ability to do. On this occasion they had the pleasure of entertaining the Worthy Grand Patron as well as the Worthy Patron of Jefferson Chapter, Brother Burling. Our Grand Patron as well as Brother Burling gave them many words of advice and encouragement.

June 11, officially visited Hamblen Chapter, No. 31, Morristown. The Worthy Matron and two or three other officers being absent, the vacant chairs were filled with substitutes. Very few of the officers were able to render their parts without the use of the ritual. They initiated six candidates, which will make a splendid addition to their working force.

June 12, on this occasion it was my pleasure to visit by invitation, Newport Chapter, U. D., Newport. Here I met a bright and enthusiastic membership, anxious for instruction, which I gave them so far as time would permit. My time was too short with them. I predict for them a bright future and will be very much disappointed if we do not have a good report from them at this meeting of Grand Chapter.

I returned to Morristown on the evening of the 12th and passed the Sabbath in the home of our Grand Patron, where I enjoyed a much-needed rest in social converse with himself and most excellent wife. While in Morristown I received notice from the Worthy Matron of Tate Springs Chapter, No. 36, Tate Springs, that they could not have me on June 14, the day appointed for them, on account of herself and some other officers having to attend examination for teachers that week. As I could not arrange another date while in East Tennessee, I failed to meet with them. But later in the summer I commissioned Sister Allie M. Lippincott, Grand Conductress, as my special deputy to visit them, which she tried to do, but was unable to get enough members together for a quorum, only five being present. She held a school of instruction for the benefit of those present and suggested ways and means whereby they might create more interest in the work among their members.

June 15, visited Morning Star Chapter, at Rutledge. Here I found an excellent Chapter. The officers, with the exception of the Worthy Patron, are well skilled in the ritualistic work and I have his promise that he does not intend to let the ladies excel him. Perfect harmony prevails among the members and the outlook for an active and enthusiastic working Chapter is very bright.

June 16, met with Knoxville Chapter, No. 69. Six candidates were initiated. This is one of the new Chapters and was rather crippled at this meeting by absence of several of the regular officers. Some of their officers having never been installed, I had the pleasure of doing this work for them.

June 18, Mineral Springs Chapter, No. 14, Walkers Ford. Owing to sickness of the Worthy Matron and the excessive rain and high waters the attendance was small, but the faithful few who were present were full of zeal and are deserving of the warmest praise for the energy put forth to overcome many obstacles. Their love for the Order and its purpose are evidenced by the nice donation sent for the Home Fund.

I had planned to meet with Mountain View Chapter, No. 13, Cumberland Gap, June 19, but the excessive rains had swollen the streams and rendered the roads almost impassible and I did not feel equal to the task. I planned to have Sister Reed visit them later, but received word from them that since I had been unable to reach them at the former date they preferred to turn the amount necessary to such a visit into the Home Fund. This Chapter is afflicted with the same ills that hamper many others: lack of regular attendance and a closer study of the Ritual, but the Worthy Matron reports reasonable progress notwithstanding.

June, 24, I visited Mary Chapter, No. 12, Clarkrange, by special invitation. I was accompanied by my husband and daughter and Sister Dollie Comstock, of my home Chapter. We made the round trip of thirty-six miles through rain and across swollen streams. In spite of the day being a most trying one, there were about forty members present. The work was well done, encouraging talks were made by both members and visitors. I gave them such instruction as was needed in the ritualistic work. Notwithstanding the membership is widely scattered, the attendance is splendid, and these excellent people exemplify the principles of the Order in their daily lives.

September 7, Standing Stone Chapter, No. 53, was visited officially by me and I witnessed the work done in a most beautiful way without a Ritual in sight. At this time my home Chapter, Amanda, No. 4, was invited to be present and a number availed themselves of the opportunity to enjoy the hospitality of the generous and enthusiastic Stars of Standing Stone Chapter. Sister Conditt, Past Grand Matron, was also a guest on this occasion and her presence added much to the pleasure of the evenir I am proud of the progress of this Chapter as I was one of those who in tuted it, and have watched its growth in both numbers and effici with pleasure and interest. Of the many courtesies shown me that r highly prized was being made an honorary member of the Chapter.

November 9, I made my official visit to my home Chapter, Amanda No. 4. The spirit of kindness and courtesy that pervaded the occasion from first to last was very marked and showed that Amanda Chapter highly appreciated the honor that had, for the second time, been conferred by the Order in choosing one of their number as Worthy Grand Matron. The work was beautifully and impressively exemplified, without the use of the Ritual, which shows that the proud position that Amanda Chapter has so long held, as one of the skillful Chapters in the State in rendering the Ritual, has not departed from it, nor have the members lost their love for the true principles of the Order. The unceasing kindness and courtesy shown me this year by my home Chapter will ever remain as one of the sweetest and most cherished memories of my official career.

December 16, Laurel Chapter, No. 22, Harriman, received me in my official capacity and exemplified the work. As I had anticipated, the work was such that very few criticisms were necessary. Such suggestions for

improving the work and keeping up interest, as were offered by the Grand Matron, were graciously received and seemed to impress the members as being worthy of their thoughtful consideration.

January 13, met with Evangeline Chapter, Chattanooga. The attendance was not large, but much interest was manifest. I see no reason why this Chapter should not make good progress the coming year, provided they are able to overcome their greatest drawback, that of excessively high rents. Many business matters of importance encroached so much upon the time that no effort was made to exemplify the work, but instructions were given in the secret work. Past Grand Matron, Sister Belle DeRossett Knowles, was a guest on this occasion.

January 8, as my special deputy, Brother Joe Sims visited West Point Chapter, No. 54, installed the officers and gave them instructions in the work. Petitions were received and Brother Sims informs me that the outlook for good work and growth in this Chapter is very promising.

In every Chapter visited, except one, I witnessed the exemplification of the work, and in many cases it was well and creditably done. In a few cases, however, it was poorly done. In some the work was most excellent and I could find little to criticise, but it was clear that continued and persistent effort would be required to maintain the high standard reached. I find that the Chapters that are the most zealous in things charitable are, as a rule, the ones that do the best work, for the lessons of our Order seem to have sunk deeply into their hearts and brought forth rich fruits.

The Chapters that have the most active and faithful Worthy Patrons—by "active and faithful" I mean that get up their part of the work perfectly and are zealous in seeing that all officers do likewise— are the best working Chapters.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I would recommend that after the new Constitution and By-Laws are adopted, every Chapter in the State, whose by-laws conflict with these new laws, revise them and have them approved by the incoming Grand Matron.

2. That the Subordinate Chapters make a more careful study of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Chapter; also those governing their own Chapter, thereby relieving the Grand Matron of answering many questions that are clearly answered in the By-Laws referred to.

3. That the Grand Chapter purchase for the office of the Grand Secretary a typewriter and desk.

4. I urgently recommend that the Grand Chapter take such steps as it may deem proper to notify all members of the Order in this Jurisdiction, through their respective Chapters, that the use of any part of the Ritual—especially the secret work—written or printed or in any way delineated on any object is contrary to the rulings of the General Grand Chapter and should not be persisted in.

5. That this Grand Chapter appoint a committee of three to compile an instruction book for the use of Worthy Matrons of Subordinate Chapters, and report same for adoption or rejection at the next Grand Chapter Session.

6. That the State be divided into districts co-extensive with the political divisions of East, Middle and West Tennessee and the Grand Matron appoint one deputy for each district, whose duty it shall be to visit Chapters as directed by the Grand Matron and to give special attention to the organization of new Chapters and such other work as this Grand Chapter shall deem proper.

Some of my reasons for this recommendation are: For the Grand Matron to visit every Chapter in the State would require not less than four months' time and travel of more than four thousand miles. As it now is it is almost impossible for the Grand Matron to visit the 81 Chapters we now have, and a failure to visit all Chapters is liable to leave off the visiting list Chapters that are the most in need of aid, encouragement and advice.

It would be comparatively easy for the District Deputy to visit a goodly share of the Chapters in her district and it would cost the Grand Chapter much less to provide the necessary mileage and expenses than to furnish the same for one person to cover the entire State.

It is impossible for one person to visit all Chapters at their regular meeting time and in many cases it is practically impossible to hold extra meetings out of time with many of the members present. For that reason the instructions given fail very largely of the end sought.

Every new Chapter organized brings revenue to the Grand Chapter and the increased income from the new Chapters would go far toward covering the expense of the deputies. We would not be understood, however, as favoring the idea of working for new Chapters or increased membership by accepting such material as would lower the present high plane upon which membership in the Order now rests.

7. I recommend that this Grand Chapter send a representative to the General Grand Chapter this year and provide railroad fare for same.

8. That this Grand Chapter furnish suitable badges for members attending the General Grand Chapter from this Jurisdiction.

9. That country Chapters hold all-day meetings so a social hour may be enjoyed at noon.

10. That each Subordinate Chapter subscribe for at least one Eastern Star paper and that selections from it be read at Chapter meetings when there is little or no work.

11. That the names and addresses, with street and number, of Grand Officers, Matrons, and Secretaries of Subordinate Chapters be printed in the Proceedings. This would be a great help to future Grand Matrons.

12. Believing that there are none more interested in or more worthy to receive the record of the proceedings of our Grand Chapter than those who have faithfully given of their time and talents to serve as Grand Matron or Patron, I recommend that one copy be sent to each Past Grand Matron and Patron, each year.

13. That all Past Grand Matrons and Patrons be allowed mileage.

14. That Grand Secretary be instructed to secure Grand Chapter jewels.

DON'TS.

If you read from the Ritual, don't: the beauty and solemnity of the work is lost upon the candidate.

If you keep your Chapter waiting for one tardy officer, don't: failure to open on time frequently causes members to stay away.

If you discuss the faults of a sister or brother, don't: it can't help them and may hurt you both by marring your friendship for each other.

If you have written or typewritten copy of the secret work, don't: it is against the law; burn it.

If you would use the black ball to satisfy a spite or grudge, don't: ever keep the good of the Order in mind.

If you discuss the transactions of the Chapter in public, don't: the public has no right to know and it is hurtful to the Order.

GROWTH OF THE ORDER.

The prosperity of the Order is clearly shown by the large number of representatives present here to-day. We realize the remarkable growth of the Order when we remember that ten years ago this Grand Chapter was organized, with only six Chapters and a membership of a little over three hundred. To-day we have eighty-one Chapters and a membership of nearly four thousand.

We are pleased to note that this has been the banner year in the organization of new Chapters—eighteen having been added. The credit for this is largely due to the untiring efforts of our Worthy Grand Patron.

LITERATURE.

Through my observations I find that the best workers are those who read Eastern Star literature. There are a number of periodicals devoted exclusively to the Eastern Star and from these much knowledge of the origin and purpose of our Order are to be gained, consequently of great benefit to members.

Opportunity will be afforded you at this session to examine several Eastern Star papers and decide for yourself for which paper you wish to subscribe. I trust that not one member of this Grand Chapter, who does not already read some Eastern Star paper, will fail to subscribe for one or

more of these papers while they have the opportunity. No member of the Order should be without a good Eastern Star paper. You cannot afford to miss the help and inspiration derived therefrom.

MASONIC HOME.

On January 23, in company with Brother and Sister Spaulding, I visited the Home. I found things in a prosperous condition and children happy and well cared for. I hope every member of the Grand Chapter will avail themselves of the opportunity to visit the Home Wednesday afternoon. It will certainly be an inspiration to them and increase their desire to assist in this noble work.

CONCLUSION.

I have now rendered unto this Grand Chapter and the membership at large, through this report, my stewardship for the past year. That the results of my efforts have been far less than I had hoped and planned will always be to me a source of much regret, but, withal, there is much to remember that is sweet and uplifting to my life. Wherein I have failed, I ask the kind forbearance of my Sisters and Brothers and beg to assure them that I have, at all times, acted in the way that seemed to me the best for the Order, in the light that I then had.

It is my firm belief that the good we accomplish as a whole, is due far more to the loyalty and labors of the membership at large, than to any effort that the Grand Officers can possibly make. It is the work of the Grand Officers to advise and encourage, but the great, throbbing, pulsir force of life that accomplishes things, must come from those in the ran or at least from the officers of the Subordinate Chapters. That the m bers have labored nobly and well is too plain to need comment, anc them belongs to-day the real honors and glory for the great work that Order is accomplishing each year.

To all those who have helped me, by words and deeds, I desire to express my deepest gratitude. The words of encouragement, which I received from several Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, in the early part of the year, were especially helpful, for I felt that they knew better than any one else, the work and responsibilities which were in store for me.

Many have been the letters of sympathy and encouragement I received since the death of my dear mother, September 12, for which I wish to express my grateful thanks. Such words of love and sympathy help to lighten the burdens of sorrow and incline us to the voice of duty.

To my associate Grand Officers I wish to express appreciation for all assistance given. To our Grand Martha I am especially indebted for her help and the many courtesies she extended me while in East Tennessee. Not the least of these being the kindly proffer of her home as my headquarters, which I gladly accepted. And it was my pleasure to have her company while visiting several Chapters.

I am grateful to the Associate Grand Patron for his assistance in official work in Middle Tennessee.

To our Grand Secretary is especially due my thanks. Her decade of service has made her a perfect store-house of useful knowledge pertaining to our Order.

To the Worthy Grand Patron I know not how to speak without seeming to flatter. But what would be flattery to others is weak praise of him. I have never appealed to him for aid or advice, but his response was prompt, courteous and wise. His every act has been prompted, as I believe, by principles of love, honor and justice. My most sincere wish for him is, that the members of the Order over the State might know him as I do, so that his sterling worth and manly character would receive that measure of esteem that is due him. While I know he neither seeks praise or prominence for the work he has done, I feel that I could not in justice say less.

To my successor in office I give a cordial welcome and trust that there will be greater results under her administration than I have been able to accomplish, and that the same loyal support will be accorded her by the membership that has been given me. May the "Star of Light" brighten her path and guide her through a successful year.

As I surrender the gavel of authority, I feel that I am stepping out into a broader sphere of interest in the work of the Order. With love for the past and hope for the future, I am fraternally yours,

EVA CLINE BISHOP,
Grand Matron.

On motion duly seconded the Address of Grand Matron was ordered spread upon the records.

The Worthy Grand Patron, Frank E. Bartley, read the following Address:

ADDRESS OF WORTHY GRAND PATRON.

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Tennessee:

"Time in his rapid flight, hastens on with hurried footsteps to number all hallowed associations with the past"—and to-day we have assembled to sound the last note of a year's work, and begin a new one.

One year ago, you exalted me to the highest office within the gift of the Grand Chapter, which can be bestowed upon a brother. At that time I pledged to you my best efforts, and now the time has arrived for me to render to you an account as to how I have kept that pledge, and to submit a report of my official acts. I entered upon the year's work with a fear that my ability was not equal to the task, but with a deter-

FRANK E. BARTLEY,

Worthy Grand Patron, 1909.

mination to do my best. I knew the work was heavy, but it was far more than I had expected; yet it was a labor of love, and each day I have become more attached to the work.

PEACE AND HARMONY.

I am proud to report that peace and harmony have prevailed throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. So far as I have been able to ascertain, the Subordinate Chapters are following the paths of peace, and do not allow private quarrels and piques to enter the Chapter room, but are striving to promote the best interest of the Order. The Grand Officers have been an unit, and have striven hard to help one another and promote the welfare of our beautiful Order.

GROWTH OF THE ORDER.

The universal peace which pervades this Grand Jurisdiction I believe to be one of the main reasons for the continued remarkable growth of the Order, which is very gratifying for me to report.

Prior to the meeting of the last Grand Chapter, Brother Johnson granted dispensation to organize Woodlawn Chapter at Raleigh, Shelby County, Tennessee, and appointed the following officers:

Sister Sarah E. Webster, W. M.
Brother Paul B. Hare, W. P.
Sister Florence Scheibler, A. M.

Brother Johnson appointed as his Special Deputy Brother Samuel Slager, of Memphis Chapter, No. 62, to organize this Chapter, which he reports having done February 26.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

On proper petition, I have granted the following dispensations for the formation of new Chapters:

February 10—Buena Vista Chapter at Nashville, Davidson County, Tenn., and appointed the following officers:
Sister W. S. Hite, W. M.
Brother E. C. Bruce, W. P.
Sister Susie B. Clymer, A. M.

I appointed Brother W. S. Hite, of East Nashville Chapter, No. 1, my Special Deputy to organize this Chapter, which he reports having done February 19.

March 15.—Erin Chapter at Erin, Houston County, Tennessee, and appointed the following officers:
Sister Lillie Knight, W. M.
Brother D. J. McAuley, W. P.
Sister Mollie Brigham, A. M.

I appointed Brother A. M. Tippit, of Dover Chapter, No. 52, my Special Deputy to organize this Chapter, which he reports having done March 18.

April 7.—Lily Chapter at Middleton, Hardeman County, Tennessee, and appointed the following officers:

Sister Cora W. Simpson, W. M.
Brother P. S. Simpson, W. P.
Sister Sallie Powers, A. M.

I appointed Sister Cynthia C. Malone, Grand Warder of Ruth Chapter, No. 37, my Special Deputy to organize this Chapter, which she reports having done April 22.

April 7.—Newport Chapter at Newport, Cocke County, Tennessee, and appointed the following officers:

Sister Irene Susong, W. M.
Brother J. M. Susong, W. P.
Sister Annie C. Parrott, A. M.

I appointed Brother J. H. McClister, P. G. P. of Hamblen Chapter, No. 31, my Special Deputy to organize this Chapter, but before the Chapter was organized, I found that I could be present also. I therefore accompanied Brother McClister and assisted in the organization, which was completed April 24.

May 17.—Maple Chapter at Mountain City, Johnson County, Tennessee, and appointed the following officers:

Sister Inez Butler, W. M.
Brother W. T. Smythe, W. P.
Sister Julie Cottrell, A. M.

I appointed Brother J. H. McClister, P. G. P. of Hamblen Chapter, No. 31, my Special Deputy to orgaize this Chapter, which he reports having done on May 21.

June 30.—Fair View Chapter at Church Hill, Hawkins County, Tennessee, and appointed the following officers:

Sister Nannie Roadman, W. M.
Brother Jno. D. Hamilton, W. P.
Sister Rosa Lee, A. M.

I appointed Brother J. H. McClister, P. G. P. of Hamblen Chapter, No. 31, my Special Deputy to organize this Chapter, which he reports having done on July 3.

July 29.—Oak Grove Chapter at Cuba, Shelby County, Tennessee, and appointed the following officers:

Sister Minnie F. Kimbrough, W. M.
Brother J. A. McDaniel, W. P.
Sister Jessie Williams, A. M.

I appointed Brother Samuel Slager, of Memphis Chapter, No. 62, my Special Deputy to organize this Chapter, which he reports having done August 31.

August 20.—Pinnacle Chapter at Cumberland Gap, Claiborne County, Tennessee, and appointed the following officers:

Sister Kate Carr, W. M.
Brother J. H. S. Morrison, W. P.
Sister Victori Morrison, A. M.

I appointed Brother J. H. McClister, P. G. P. of Hamblen Chapter, No. 31, my Special Deputy to organize this Chapter, which he reports having done August 23.

August 30.—Kenton Eastern Star Chapter at Kenton, Obion County, Tennessee, and appointed the following officers:

Sister Trude Carroll, W. M.
Brother H. T. Fullerton, W. P.
Sister B. D. Wade, A. M.

I appointed Brother P. N. Matlock, P. G. P. of Mason Hall Chapter, No. 20, my Special Deputy to organize this Chapter, which he reports having done, with the assistance of Sister Geneva Dodd, Grand Ruth, September 7.

November 22.—Dyer Chapter at Dyer, Gibson County, Tennessee, and appointed the following officers:

Sister Mary Jarvis, W. M.
Brother C. O. Ewell, W. P.
Sister Annie Lou Drane, A. M.

I appointed Brother P. N. Matlock, P. G. P. of Mason Hall Chapter, No. 20, my Special Deputy to organize this Chapter. Brother Matlock was ably assisted in this work by Sister Geneva Dodd, Grand Ruth. Brother Matlock reports this Chapter organized November 29.

November 6.—Jackson Chapter at Jackson, Madison County, Tennessee, and appointed the following officers:

Sister Elizabeth Irby, W. M.
Brother Henry C. Irby, W. P.
Sister Catherine H. Callahan, A. M.

I appointed Brother J. T. Spaulding, of East Nashville Chapter, No. 1, my Special Deputy to organize this Chapter, which he reports having done on December 3.

Brother Spaulding was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Spaulding, exemplified the Ritualistic Work very ably, taking especial pains to give them full instructions on all points.

December 6.—Electa Chapter at Greenfield, Weakley County, Tennessee, and appointed the following officers:

Sister E. L. Mathis, W. M.
Brother J. H. Keel, W. P.
Sister Lena Brock, A. M.

I appointed Brother P. N. Matlock, P. G. P. of Mason Hall Chapter, No. 20, my Special Deputy to organize this Chapter, which he reports having done December 14. Brother Matlock was assisted in this work by Sister Geneva Dodd, Grand Ruth.

December 18.—Chewalla Chapter at Chewalla, McNairy County, Tennessee, and appointed the following officers:

Sister Eliza Ramer, W. M.
Brother W. T. Derryberry, W. P.
Sister Ellen Derryberry, A. M.

I appointed Sister Cora Simpson, of Lily Chapter, U. D., my Special Deputy to organize this Chapter, which she reports having done December 27.

January 5.—Red River Chapter at Adams, Robertson County, Tennessee, and appointed the following officers:

Sister Ametta Head, W. M.
Brother W. C. Murphey, Sr., W. P.
Sister Bernice Connell, A. M.

I appointed Brother E. G. Johnson, P. G. P. of East Nashville Chapter, No. 1, my Special Deputy to organize this Chapter, which he reports having done January 8. Brother Johnson was assisted by Sister Mary R. Forbs, Grand Secretary, in the organization of this Chapter.

December 20.—Evening Star Chapter at New Middleton, Smith County, Tennessee, and appointed the following officers:

Sister Mary Crockett, W. M.
Brother Robert Smartt, W. P.
Sister Mary Thomas, A. M.

I appointed Brother E. G. Johnson, P. G. P. of East Nashville Chapter No. 1, my Special Deputy to organize this Chapter, which he reports having done January 10.

January 13.—Rome Chapter at Rome, Smith County, Tennessee, and appointed the following officers:

Sister Elva Boze, W. M.
Brother W. F. Boze, W. P.
Sister A. T. Williams, A. M.

I appointed Brother W. F. Boze my Special Deputy to organize this Chapter, which he reports having done January 18.

January 15.—Crown Chapter at Trigonia, Loudon County, Tennessee, and appointed the following officers:

Sister Sue E. Swaney, W. M.
Brother R. M. Swaney, W. P.
Sister Ella Niles, A. M.

I appointed Sister Linnie K. Pardue, of Chilhowie Chapter, No. 30, my Special Deputy to organize this Chapter, which she reports having done on January 20.

January 18.—Dixon Springs Chapter at Dixon Springs, Smith County, Tennessee, and appointed the following officers:

Sister Kate Lee Nichols, W. M.
Brother J. M. Freed, W. P.
Sister Maud Maddin, A. M.

I appointed W. F. Boze my Special Deputy to organize this Chapter.

INVITATIONS.

I have received invitations from almost every Grand Chapter of the United States, all of which I replied to, and extended greetings from Tennessee. I have also received many invitations from Subordinate Chapters of Tennessee, many of which I have been unable to accept.

VISITATIONS.

I have visited the following Chapters:

February 2, Knoxville Chapter, No. 69, and by the authority of the Grand Matron constituted the Chapter and installed the officers:

February 17, Mossy Creek Chapter, No. 65, and by the authority of the Grand Matron I constituted the Chapter and installed the officers.

December 28, Jefferson Chapter, No. 41, White Pine, Jefferson County, Tennessee, and installed their officers. This is my home Chapter.

Accompanied by the Grand Matron, we visited the following Chapters:

May 25, May Chapter, No. 24, Knoxville, Tennessee.

May 27, Martha Dandridge Chapter, No. 58, Dandridge, Tennessee.

May 28, Jefferson Chapter, No. 41, at White Pine, Tennessee.

June 10, Mossy Creek Chapter, No. 65, at Jefferson City, Tennessee.

All these Chapters received us with universal kindness, and with honors due the Grand Officers of the State.

HONORED DEAD.

Indeed, I am proud to report that the "Golden Chain" of Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of Tennessee has not been broken, but our hearts are sad when we miss many well-remembered faces that have been familiar to us. But we can only sincerely sympathize with the Subordinate Chapters that have sustained the loss. A suitable memorial will be held in this Grand Chapter to their memory.

Some of our Sister Grand Jurisdictions have been more unfortunate than we. So far as have been reported to me, the following Grand and Past Grand Officers have crossed the "Great Divide:"

February 1, Brother George Shand, Past Grand Treasurer of Arizona.
February 16, Sister Fannie Ellis, Past Grand Conductress of Texas.
March 15, Sister Sarah W. Burns, Grand Sentinel of Indiana.
May 5, Capt. Car Forrest, Past Associate Grand Patron of Texas.
May 20, Brother David Jones Gibson, Past Grand Patron of Alabama.
July 28, Brother Walter Scott, Grand Patron of Utah.
September 3, Brother Calhoun D. Leach, Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma.
September 11, Brother Albert Surbach, Past Grand Patron of Kansas.
September 13, Sister Gertrude R. Moffett, Grand Martha, Indiana.
December 23, Brother Tom Murrah, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

They have left a record behind them worthy of emulation, to which we should all strive to attain, so when we are called we will hear that welcome plaudit, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of thy Lord."

June 2, in accordance with our Laws, I approved the bonds of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE WORK

Early in the year, I made arrangements with Milan Chapter, No. 51, to exemplify the Ritualistic Work at this session of the Grand Chapter.

MASONIC HOME.

Consulting with the Grand Matron immediately after our election a year ago, we arranged a meeting in the city of Nashville, February 14, with the membership of the Board of Control of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, and our Widows and Orphans' Home Committee.

Our Grand Matron was prevented from being present, but I, with the Grand Secretary, Sister Forbs, met with the committee, and authorized the Board to install lights in the Home to replace the oil lamps that were being used at the time, but limited the expenditure to $1,000.00. The lights have been installed at a cost of $943.57.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I would recommend that the mileage allowed the Grand Matron and Grand Patron be continued, and in addition to this, 1,000 miles be allowed the Grand Secretary that she may assist the Grand Matron and Grand Patron in their work.

I would also recommend that mileage be allowed Brothers J. H. McClister, P. G. P., and P. N. Matlock, P. G. P., for organizing Chapters this year. I make this recommendation in simple justice to these Broth-

ers, who have given their time and paid their own expenses in doing this work, Brother McClister having traveled something over seven hundred miles, and I have failed to get the number of miles traveled by Brother Matlock.

I would also recommend that the allowance of $25.00 each be continued to the Grand Treasurer and Fraternal Correspondent.

I would also recommend that the salary of the Grand Secretary be made $400.00 per annum. I do this because of the fact that the work is growing heavier each year, and now demands her care and watchfulness and almost her entire time.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I wish to say if my work has any merit in it, I owe much of it to the hearty co-operation of the Grand Officers and the loyal support of the individual members.

To Brothers McClister and Matlock, I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks for so nobly assisting me in my work.

To Sister Geneva Dodd, Grand Ruth, I wish to say you have placed me under lasting obligations to you.

To all who have acted as my Special Deputies and assisted me in any way, I wish to sincerely thank you.

To Milan Chapter, No. 51, I wish to extend thanks to each member of the Chapter separately, and to the whole Chapter collectively, but to Sister Haun I am especially due thanks.

And to our Grand Secretary, to whom I owe so much for so many favors and kindness shown, to whom I could always go for advice or help, I can not find words to express my gratitude.

And to the Grand Matron, who has labored so zealously with me, who was ever willing to help me in every difficulty, trying to heap the honors upon me, not claiming any for herself, I wish to say I shall always be proud and feel honored that I have served this Grand Chapter with you as my companion in office, and so long as I live, that long will I cherish the recollections of our associations.

And to the Grand Chapter, I wish to thank you for the high honor you have conferred upon me. I have labored to the best of my ability, but if I have erred, and I know I have, I will remind you that "To err is human, to forgive divine," and ask you to extend the broad mantle of charity over my shortcomings.

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. BARTLEY.

-On motion duly seconded that part of the Grand Patron's Address affecting the finances be referred to Committee on Finance, Ways and Means, the balance of Address to Jurisprudence Committee. Carried.

The Grand Chapter took a recess till 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 P. M. the Grand Chapter resumed business.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary, Mrs. Mary R. Forbs, submitted the following report:

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of Grand Chapter Tennessee, Order of the Eastern Star:

Swift as a weaver's shuttle, another year's work is upon us, and we are called upon to render an account of our transactions. This, with the books and vouchers, is subject to your inspection.

CHARTERS.

The ten Chapters granted Charters last session were sealed, signed and delivered before the session closed, the representatives of the Chapters taking charge of them.

PROCEEDINGS.

As is the usual custom, 500 copies of Proceedings of last session were distributed throughout this and other Jurisdictions.

INVITATIONS.

Have issued 500 invitations, with programs, for this session. In response, have received from nearly every Grand Jurisdiction cordial fraternal greetings for our Tenth Annual Session.

O. E. S. LITERATURE.

The office is the recipient of many courtesies from the following publications: *The Eastern Star, Mizpah, Star Light, Eastern Star Record, The Signet*, and *Masonic Voice-Review*. We trust these journals will get their full share of patronage from the representatives of the various Chapters.

BOUND PROCEEDINGS.

The office has on hand Proceedings of the past nine years, enough to make a volume. Would recommend that two volumes be bound, one for the use of the Grand Matron and one on file in Grand Secretary's office.

MRS. MARY R. FORBS,

GRAND SECRETARY, 1900-1910.

DEFUNCT CHAPTERS.

Through the kindness of Benjamin L. Loeb, a member of the defunct Chapter at Somerville, was able to obtain the Charter and books and two Rituals and $5.40 in cash.

DIMITS.

The following dimits have been issued:

W. T. Smythe, Mountain City.
Mrs. Sallie Moran, West Nashville.
Mrs. Annie Von Bergen, West Nashville.
Mrs. F. O. Fry, West Nashville.
Mr. F. O. Fry, West Nashville.
Mrs. Eliza Loeb, Somerville.
Miss Rena Loeb, Somerville.

CHAPTERS UNDER DISPENSATION.

Under direction of the Worthy Grand Patron, I have attested eighteen dispensations to organize Chapters. This year's work completes the largest number of Chapters under dispensation since the Grand Chapters' existence. The Chapters have made satisfactory returns and are recommended to Committee on Charters and Dispensations for further consideration.

MASONIC HOME FUND.

Under instruction given by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I have received and receipted for the following amounts to this fund:

East Nashville Chapter, No. 1	$ 46 00
Rock City Chapter, No. 2	25 00
Elmwood Chapter, No. 3	5 00
Amanda Chapter, No. 4	20 00
Mary Chapter, No. 11	8 18
Mountain View Chapter, No. 13	5 00
Mineral Springs Chapter, No. 14	25 00
Indian Mound Chapter, No. 17	5 00
Mason Hall Chapter, No. 20	25 25
Laurel Chapter, No. 22	15 00
May Chapter, No. 24	110 56
Utopia Chapter, No. 27	16 00
Decaturville Chapter, No. 28	10 00
Erwin Chapter, No. 29	6 02
Chilhowie Chapter, No. 30	16 00

Union Chapter, No. 33	5 00
Hope Chapter, No. 35	3 00
Ruth Chapter, No. 37	8 00
Pleasant View Chapter, No. 38	2 17
Jefferson Chapter, No. 41	25 00
White Haven Chapter, No. 43	12 00
Jno. W. Bell Chapter, No. 44	2 50
Fidelity Chapter, No. 46	10 00
Alamo Chapter, No. 47	16 00
Evangeline Chapter, No. 48	9 00
Wards Chapter, No. 49	2 10
Milan Chapter, No. 51	10 50
Dover Chapter, No. 52 (also quilt valued at $3.50)	10 00
Standing Stone Chapter, No. 53	10 00
Morning Star Chapter, No. 55	10 00
Harrison Chapter, No. 56	7 00
Washington Chapter, No. 57	5 52
Memphis Chapter, No. 62 (for bed clothing, 5 quilts, value $17.50)	125 00
Mt. Vernon Chapter, No. 67	16 00
Knoxville Chapter, No. 69	15 00
Lowryville Chapter, No. 70	4 00
Bob Reavis Chapter, No. 71	12 45
Granville Chapter, No. 72	3 15
Mrs. Bart, of Knoxville Chapter, No. 69	3 00
Total amount received from Chapters	$654 [illegible]
Balance paid by Grand Treasurer	144 [illegible]
Total amount of Home Fund	$798 [illegible]
Paid Masonic Home Committee	447 [illegible]
Balance	$351 [illegible]
Unavailable in City Savings Bank, by Grand Treasurer	$ 96 [illegible]
Unavailable in City Savings Bank, by Grand Secretary	107 [illegible]
Total amount unavailable	$204 [illegible]
Total amount available	146 [illegible]

CHAPTERS.

Number of chartered Chapters	[illegible]
Number of Chapters under Dispensation	[illegible]
Total number of Chapters	[illegible]

MEMBERSHIP.

Members beginning of the year	2,889
Initiated	401
Affiliated	32
Reinstated	7
Members in Chapters under Dispensation	537
Total membership	3,866

DEDUCTIONS.

Dimitted	60
Suspended	101
Died	24
Expelled	3
Total deductions	188
Total membership	3,677
Total gain	766

RETURNS.

Morning Star Chapter, No. 55, is credited with the first report, December 24, 1909.

Memphis Chapter, No. 62, has the largest membership, 214 members. May Chapter, No. 24, second largest, 166 members, and Union Chapter, No. 33, third largest, 124 members. May Chapter, No. 24, is credited with the largest increase by initiation and affiliation, 44 members. Memphis Chapter, No. 62, second largest by initiation and affiliation, 27 members. Lowryville Chapter, No. 70, third largest number by initiation, 22 members.

The following Chapters failed to respond on time: Bethpage Chapter, No. 5; Ashland City, No. 15; Midway, No. 50; Esther Chapter, No. 12; and Naomi, No. 64, have not reported.

The following Chapters reported without seal: Decaturville, No. 28; Friendship, No. 40; West Point, No. 54; Newbern, No. 66. Wish to call attention to law on this point: "Chapters must procure seal within six months after receiving Charter."

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Grand Chapter dues	$1,231 11
Dispensations by Grand Patron	270 00
Dispensations by Grand Matron (special)	17 00
Charter fees	100 00
Dimits	5 75

Rituals	113 25
Miscellaneous supplies	39 82
Masonic Home Grand Chapter collection, 1909	25 13
Total amount received from January 26, 1909, to January 25, 1910	$1,802 06

The above amounts have been paid the Grand Treasurer and I hold her receipts therefor.

CLOSING.

My sisters and brothers, throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, by your many kind words and deeds, your confidence and trust has been beautifully expressed. The enduring friendships made by our associations has made this life of service one of pleasure. My sincere thanks are due you for every favor shown, but most of all, for your love and kindness.

Words are feeble in expressing my appreciation of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, always considerate and ever thoughtful and kind. The work of the office has been materially lightened by their willing assistance and cheerful co-operation. A real possession is the memories of the past year's work with my superior officers.

Fratenally submitted,

MARY R. FORBS,
Grand Secretary.

On motion, seconded, the report was referred to Committee on Finance, Ways and Means.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

January 25, 1910.

To the Grand Matron, Grand Patron, Officers and Members of Grand Chapter of Tennessee:

Your Grand Treasurer submits the following report:

Received from Grand Secretary		$1,802 06
Amount in treasury last report—		
General Fund	$680 14	
Masonic Home Fund	144 09	
		824 23
		$2,626 29
Disbursed as per vouchers—		
General Fund	$1,673 04	
Masonic Home Fund	47 57	
		$1,720 61

Balance—

General Fund (in Fourth National Bank).....	$809 16	
Masonic Home Fund (in City Savings Bank)..	96 52	
		$905 68

On motion, the report was referred to Committee on Finance, Ways and Means.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report:

To the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, Order of the Eastern Star:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully submit the following report of officers and members in attendance and entitled to seats:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Grand Matron.....Mrs. Eva C. Bishop.
Grand Patron.....Frank E. Bartley.
Associate Grand Matron.....Mrs. Lydia M. Raines.
Associate Grand Patron.....Joe Sims.
Grand Secretary.....Mrs. Mary R. Forbs.
Grand Treasurer.....Miss Mollie Ridley.
Grand Conductress.....Miss Allie M. Lippincott.
Associate Grand Conductress.....Mrs. Sarah C. Ebaugh.
Grand Adah.....Mrs. Lena B. Bartley.
Grand Ruth.....Mrs. Geneva Dodd.
Grand Esther.....Mrs. Ada Atkinson.
Grand Martha.....Mrs. Mary Reed.
Grand Electa.....Mrs. Anna Fleming.
Grand Warder.....Mrs. Cynthia Malone.
Grand Sentinel.....John L. Dunlap.
Grand Marshal.....Mrs. Caswell A. Goodloe.
Grand Chaplain.....Mrs. Frances Haun.
Grand Organist.....Mrs. Penelope Hisey.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Past Worthy Grand Matron.....Mrs. Amanda Williams
Past Worthy Grand Matron.....Mrs. Electa A. Conditt.
Past Worthy Grand Matron.....Mrs. Hoyland T. Martin.
Past Worthy Grand Matron.....Mrs. Ophelia Allan.
Past Worthy Grand Patron.....Sterling M. Price.
Past Worthy Grand Patron.....Philip N. Matlock.
Past Worthy Grand Patron.....Albert S. Williams.
Past Worthy Grand Patron.....J. H. McClister.
Past Worthy Grand Patron.....Edward G. Johnson.

CHAPTERS.

East Nashville Chapter, No. 1.....Mrs. Virgie Hewitt, W. M.
East Nashville Chapter, No. 1.....Mrs. S. H. Davidson, A. M.
East Nashville Chapter, No. 1.....Mrs. A. S. Williams, P. M.
East Nashville Chapter, No. 1.....Mrs. G. W. Davis, P. M.
East Nashville Chapter, No. 1.....Mrs. Mary R. Forbs, P. M.
East Nashville Chapter, No. 1.....Mrs. D. W. McAlister, P. M.
East Nashville Chapter, No. 1.....Mrs. S. J. LeSueur, P. M.
East Nashville Chapter, No. 1.....Mrs. Frances Stephens, P. M.
East Nashville Chapter, No. 1.....Mrs. R. H. Lee, P. M.
East Nashville Chapter, No. 1.....Mrs. E. G. Johnson, P. M.
East Nashville Chapter, No. 1.....A. S. Williams, P. P.
East Nashville Chapter, No. 1.....S. M. Price, P. P.
East Nashville Chapter, No. 1.....W. H. Bumpas, P. P.
East Nashville Chapter, No. 1.....E. G. Johnson, P. P.
East Nashville Chapter, No. 1.....W. S. Hite, P. P.
Rock City Chapter, No. 2.....Mrs. Linnie Maddox, W. M.
Rock City Chapter, No. 2.....Mrs. E. M. Tindall, A. M.
Rock City Chapter, No. 2.....W. A. Green, W. P.
Rock City Chapter, No. 2.....Mrs. Sarah C. Ebaugh, P. M.
Rock City Chapter, No. 2.....Miss Mollie Ridley, P. M.
Rock City Chapter, No. 2.....Mrs. W. G. Williams, P. M.
Rock City Chapter, No. 2.....Miss Annie Swats, P. M.
Rock City Chapter, No. 2.....Miss Ida Ridley, P. M.
Rock City Chapter, No. 2.....Mrs. J. T. Spaulding, P. M.
Rock City Chapter, No. 2.....Edward Ridley, P. P.
Rock City Chapter, No. 2.....Eugene M. Tindall, P. P.
Rock City Chapter, No. 2.....Jesse T. Spaulding, P. P.
Elmwood Chapter, No. 3.....Mrs. Electa Conditt, P. M.
Elmwood Chapter, No. 3.....J. O. Allgier, P. P.
Amanda Chapter, No. 4.....Mrs. Ella West, W. M.
Amanda Chapter, No. 4.....M. W. West, W. P.
Amanda Chapter, No. 4.....Mrs. Eva C. Bishop, P. M.
Amanda Chapter, No. 4.....Charles P. Comstock, P. P.
Bethpage Chapter, No. 5.....J. C. Henry, W. P., proxy for W. M
Iron City Chapter No. 9.....Mrs. Annie Forsythe, A. M., proxy for W. M.
Iron City Chapter, No. 9.....Joe Sims, W. P.
Iron City Chapter, No. 9.....Mrs. Anna McKey, P. M.
Iron City Chapter, No. 9.....Joe Sims, P. P.
Mary Chapter, No. 11.....Mrs. Paulina Little, W. M.
Mary Chapter, No. 11.....Mrs. M. J. Peters, P. M.
Mary Chapter, No. 11.....James M. Peters, P. P.
Mineral Springs Chapter, No. 14....Miss Leona Welch, W. M.
Mineral Springs Chapter, No. 14....Miss Esther V. Butcher, P. M.
Mineral Springs Chapter, No. 14....Elvin Z. Butcher, P. P.

Indian Mound Chapter, No. 17.....Mrs. Eva L. Seay, W. M.
Indian Mound Chapter, No. 17.....C. N. Keatts, W. P.
Mason Hall Chapter, No. 20.....Mrs. Sallie Hopper, W. M.
Mason Hall Chapter, No. 20.....Edwin Arnold, proxy A. M.
Mason Hall Chapter, No. 20.....Mrs. W. J. Brown, P. M.
Mason Hall Chapter, No. 20.....Mrs. Geneva Dodd, P. M.
Mason Hall Chapter, No. 20.....Mrs. Ella Thompson, P. M.
Mason Hall Chapter, No. 20.....Mrs. Fossie Logan, P. M.
Mason Hall Chapter, No. 20.....Dr. P. N. Matlock, P. P.
Mason Hall Chapter, No. 20.....Joseph W. Hopper, P. P.
Laurel Chapter No. 22.....Mrs. Hoyland T. Martin, P. M., proxy for W. M., W. P., and A. M.
May Chapter, No. 24.....Mrs. Jennie Rosenbeck, A. M., proxy for W. M. and W. P.
May Chapter, No. 24.....Mrs. Lulu Brown, P. M.
May Chapter, No. 24.....Mrs. Mary L. Reed, P. M.
May Chapter, No. 24.....A. J. Reed, P. P.
May Chapter, No. 24.....Chas. Wallace, P. P.
Crescent Chapter, No. 26.....Miss Ethel Allan, W. M.
Crescent Chapter, No. 26.....Dr. A. J. Hager, W. P.
Crescent Chapter, No. 26.....Mrs. Ophelia Allan, P. M.
Crescent Chapter, No. 26.....Mrs. Nettie Hager, P. M.
Crescent Chapter, No. 26.....Mrs. Anna Hall, P. M.
Crescent Chapter, No. 26.....Mrs. Bettie Hammock, P. M.
Crescent Chapter, No. 26.....Dr. A. J. Hager, P. P.
Utopia Chapter, No. 27.....Mrs. Maggie Humphrey, proxy for W. M.
Utopia Chapter, No. 27.....Berton L. Ford, W. P.
Utopia Chapter, No. 27.....Berton L. Ford, P. P.
Decaturville Chapter, No. 28.....Miss Bessie Rogers, proxy for W.
Decaturville Chapter, No. 28.....Mrs. Ada Atkinson, P. M.
Erwin Chapter, No. 29.....Mrs. Mary C. Hale, W. M.
Chilhowee Chapter, No. 30.....Mrs. Josie Penland, W. M.
Chilhowee Chapter, No. 30.....William J. Cobble, W. P.
Hamblen Chapter, No. 31.....Mrs. Penelope Hisey, W. M.
Hamblen Chapter, No. 31.....Dr. T. A. Hisey, P. P.
Hope Chapter, No. 35.....Mrs. Emma Thompson, W. M.
Hope Chapter, No. 35.....J. T. Robertson, W. P.
Ruth Chapter, No. 37.....Miss Bettie Press, A. M., proxy for W. M.
Ruth Chapter, No. 37.....Mrs. Cynthia Malone, P. M.
Pleasant View Chapter, No. 38.....Mrs. Fannie Woodson, W. M.
Pleasant View Chapter, No. 38.....Mrs. Carrie B. Woodruff, A. M.
Pleasant View Chapter, No. 38.....Dr. S. T. Woodruff, W. P.
Friendship Chapter, No. 40.....J. P. Harwell, W. P.
Jefferson Chapter, No. 41.....Mrs. H. Rowe Courtney, W. M.

Jefferson Chapter, No. 41.....Mrs. Lena B. Bartley, P. M.
Jefferson Chapter, No. 41.....Frank E. Bartley, P. P.
White Haven Chapter, No. 43.....Mrs. Lottie McDonald, W. M.
White Haven Chapter, No. 43.....Dr. U. F. Raines, W. P.
White Haven Chapter, No. 43.....Mrs. Lydia M. Raines, P. M.
White Haven Chapter, No. 43.....Dr. N. F. Raines, P. P.
Jno. W. Bell Chapter, No. 44.....W. C. Rippy, W. P., proxy for W. M.
Fidelity Chapter, No. 46.....Miss Maude Lee, W. M.
Fidelity Chapter, No. 46.....Miss Gussie Bates, A. M.
Alamo Chapter, No. 47.....Mrs. S. L. Henderson, W. M., proxy for A. M.
Alamo Chapter, No. 47.....C. A. Goodloe, proxy for W. P.
Alamo Chapter, No. 47.....Mrs. C. A. Goodloe, P. M.
Evangeline Chapter, No. 48.....Mrs. Marietta Swart, W. M.
Evangeline Chapter, No. 48.....J. M. Patterson, W. P.
Evangeline Chapter, No. 48.....Mrs. A. Shelton, P. M.
Wards Chapter, No. 49.....John M. Dunlap, P. P.
Midway Chapter, No. 50.....Miss Ida B. Greer, W. M.
Milan Chapter, No. 51.....Mrs. Frances Haun, W. M.
Milan Chapter, No. 51.....H. M. Clark, proxy for W. P.
Dover Chapter, No. 52.....Mrs. Zilphia Baggett, W. M.
Dover Chapter, No. 52.....Mrs. Eva Bruton, proxy for A. M.
Dover Chapter, No. 52.....Mrs. Eva Bruton, P. M.
Standing Stone Chapter, No. 53....Mrs. Nannie B. Carroway, proxy for W. M.
Standing Stone Chapter, No. 53....O. C. Conatser, P. P., proxy for W. P.
Standing Stone Chapter, No. 53....Mrs. Anna Fleming, proxy for A. M.
Standing Stone Chapter, No. 53....Mrs. Anna Fleming, P. M.
West Point Chapter, No. 54.....Mrs. Bessie Willis, A. M.
Washington Chapter, No. 57.....Miss Tom Duncan, W. M.
Washington Chapter, No. 57.....Mrs. Mary B. Hamilton, P. M.
Martha Dandridge Chapter, No. 58.Miss Lillian Nichols, proxy for W. M.
Trimble Chapter, No. 59.....Mrs. Bessie Jones, proxy for W. M.
Mt. Lebanon Chapter, No. 60.....Robert H. Fisher, W. P., proxy for W. M. and A. M.
Beech Chapter, No. 61.....Miss Callie King, W. M.
Beech Chapter, No. 61.....Mrs. Maggie Buchanan, A. M.
Beech Chapter, No. 61.....W. E. Jones, proxy for W. P.
Beech Chapter, No. 61.....Mrs. Mollie Garrison, P. M.
Memphis Chapter, No. 62.....Mrs. Josie Tyler, W. M.
Memphis Chapter, No. 62.....Mrs. Ida Scheibler, A. M.
Memphis Chapter, No. 62.....Miss Allie M. Lippincott, P. M.
Memphis Chapter, No. 62.....Samuel Slager, P. P.
Union City Chapter, No. 63.....Mrs. S. L. White, A. M.
Union City Chapter, No. 63.....Dr. T. E. Marshall, P. P.
Mossy Creek Chapter, No. 65.....Miss Elizabeth Taylor, W. M., proxy for W. P.

Mossy Creek Chapter, No. 65.....Mrs. Annie Moody, A. M.
Newbern Chapter, No. 66.....R. L. Mcntgomery, proxy for W. M.
Mt. Vernon Chapter, No. 67.....Mrs. Minnie Hunt, proxy for W. M.
Mt. Vernon Chapter, No. 67.....Mrs. Gussie Cornell, proxy for A. M.
Sulphur Springs Chapter, No. 68 ...J. W. Raulston, W. P.
Knoxville Chapter, No. 69.....Mrs. Mollie Crittenden, W. M., proxy for W. P.
Knoxville Chapter, No. 69.....Mrs. Mary Whitson, proxy for A. M.
Knoxville Chapter, No. 69.....Mrs. Augusta Frinck, P. M.
Knoxville Chapter, No. 69.....M. F. Flenniken, P. P.
Bob Reavis Chapter, No. 71.....Miss Zelma Biggs, proxy for W. M. and A. M.
Bob Reavis Chapter, No. 71.....I. N. Johnson, proxy for W. P.
Granville Chapter, No. 72.....Mrs. Florence Jackson, W. M.
Victory Chapter, No. 73.....Miss Lena Reaves, A. M.
Buena Vista Chapter, U. D.....Mrs. W. S. Hite, W. M.
Buena Vista Chapter, U. D.....E. C. Bruce, W. P.
Erin Chapter, U. D.....Mrs. Mollie Brigham, A. M.
Lily Chapter, U. D.....Mrs. Cora W. Simpson, W. M.
Newport Chapter, U. D.....J. M. Susong, W. P.
Maple Chapter, U. D.....Inez R. Butler, W. M.
Fairview Chapter, U. D.....J. D. Hamilton, W. P.
Oak Grove Chapter, U. D.....Mrs. Minnie F. Kimbrough, W. M.
Oak Grove Chapter, U. D.....J. A. McDaniel, W. P.
Pinnacle Chapter, U. D.....Mrs. Catharine Carr, W. M.
Kenton Chapter, U. D.....Miss Trude Carrol, W. M.
Dyer Chapter, U. D.....C. O. Ewell, W. P.
Jackson Chapter, U. D.....Mrs. Catharine H. Callahan, A. M.
Electa Chapter, U. D.....Mrs. Eula Mathis, W. M.
Electa Chapter, U. D.....James H. Keel, W. P.
Chewalla Chapter, U. D.....Mrs. Eliza Ramer, W. M.
Red River Chapter, U. D.....Miss Ametta Head, W. M.
Red River Chapter, U. D.....W. C. Murphey, Sr., W. P.
Evening Star Chapter, U. D.....Mrs. Mary C. Crockett, W. M.
Rome Chapter, U. D.....W. F. Boze, W. P.
Crown Chapter, U. D.....Mrs. Sue E. Swaney, W. M.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. T. A. HISEY, *Chairman*, No. 31.
MRS. H. ROWE COURTNEY, No. 41.
MISS VICTORIA BUTCHER, No. 14.

On motion, duly seconded, the report was adopted as read.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report:

To the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

Your Committee on Dispensations and Charters would respectfully report that they have carefully examined the reports of the Chapters working under dispensation, and respectfully recommend that the following Charters be granted:

Woodlawn, No. 74.....Raleigh, Shelby County.
Buena Vista, No. 75.....Nashville, Davidson County.
Erin, No. 76.....Erin, Houston County.
Lily, No. 77.....Middleton, Hardeman County.
Newport, No. 78.....Newport, Cocke County.
Maple, No. 79.....Mountain City, Johnson County.
Fairview, No. 80.....Church Hill, Hawkins County.
Oak Grove, No. 81.....Cuba, Shelby County.
Pinnacle, No. 82.....Cumberland Gap, Claiborne County.
Kenton, No. 83.....Kenton, Obion County.
Dyer, No. 84.....Dyer, Gibson County.
Jackson, No. 85.....Jackson, Madison County.
Electa, No. 86.....Greenfield, Weakley County.
Chewalla, No. 87.....Chewalla, McNairy County.
Red River, No. 88.....Adams, Robertson County.
Evening Star, No. 89.....New Middleton, Smith County.
Rome, No. 90.....Rome, Smith County.
Crown, No. 91.....Trigonia, Loudon County.

We recommend that the dispensation for a new Charter at Dixon Springs be continued, as said Chapter has not been organized.

We have examined the By-laws of the following Chapters and recommend their approval:

Buena Vista, Newport, Fairview, Jackson, Electa, Chewalla, Crown.

We desire to commend Newport, Jackson, Electa, Chewalla, and Crown Chapters for well kept records of their proceedings.

Your committee has been delayed in its work by the failure of some of these new Chapters to have their records and By-laws in the hands of the Grand Secretary in time to expedite the work of the committee.

For the benefit of future committees having this work in charge, we earnestly recommend that Chapters under dispensation be required to have their records, returns and By-laws in the hands of the Grand Secretary not later than noon of Monday before the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter.

We, your committee, respectfully recommend the granting of a new Charter to Mt. Lebanon Chapter, No. 60, whose Charter was burned recently, the same to be granted free of cost, the names to appear as on the original returns.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. COMSTOCK, *Chairman*, No. 4.
MRS. ANNA FLEMING, No. 53.

On motion, the report of Committee on Charters and Dispensations was adopted as read.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS OF CHAPTERS U. D.

Mrs. A. S. Williams, Past Grand Matron, as installing officer.

Miss Allie M. Lippincott, Grand Marshal *pro tem*, presented the officers of Chapters under Dispensation for installation, as follows:

Buena Vista Chapter, No. 75.....Mrs. W. S. Hite, W. M.
Buena Vista Chapter, No. 75.....E. C. Bruce, W. P.
Erin Chapter, No. 76.....Mrs. Mollie Brigham, A. M.
Lily Chapter, No. 77.....Mrs. Cora W. Simpson, W. M.
Newport Chapter, No. 78.....J. M. Susong, W. P.
Maple Chapter, No. 79.....Inez R. Butler, W. M.
Fairview Chapter, No. 80.....J. D. Hamilton, W. P.
Oak Grove Chapter, No. 81.....Mrs. Minnie F. Kimbrough, W. M.
Oak Grove Chapter, No. 81.....J. A. McDaniel, W. P.
Pinnacle Chapter, No. 82.....Mrs. Catharine Carr, W. M.
Kenton Chapter, No. 83.....Miss Trude Carrol, W. M.
Dyer Chapter, No. 84.....C. O. Ewell, W. P.
Jackson Chapter, No. 85.....Mrs. Catharine H. Callahan, A. M.
Electa Chapter, No. 86.....Mrs. Eula Mathis, W. M.
Electa Chapter, No. 86.....James H. Keel, W. P.
Chewalla Chapter, No. 87.....Mrs. Eliza Ramer, W. M.
Red River Chapter, No. 88.....Miss Ametta Head, W. M.
Evening Star Chapter, No. 89.....Mrs. Mary C. Crockett, W. M.
Rome Chapter, No. 90.....W. F. Bose, W. P.
Crown Chapter, No. 91.....Mrs. Sue E. Swaney, W. M.

By authority of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee the Representatives were empowered with rights and privileges of regularly chartered Chapters.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT.

Mrs. Hoyland T. Martin, Foreign Correspondent, presented the following report:

To the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter Tennessee, O. E. S.:

As your committee, I have reviewed the Proceedings of forty-five

Grand Jurisdictions, and have placed the same in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,
HOYLAND T. MARTIN,
Committee.

On motion, the report was received and to be made a part of the record.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

We, your Committee on Revision of By-laws, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined, eliminated and added what we think would be for the best interest and needs of the Order, and submit our report for your consideration.

J. H. MCCLISTER, *Chairman.*
S. M. PRICE.
MARY R. FORBS.

On motion, duly seconded, the report of Committee was accepted and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence for final action.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC HOME.

NASHVILLE, TENN., January 25, 1910.

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, O. E. S.:

Your Committee on Masonic Home respectfully submit the following, viz.:

Your committee, after consultation with the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, decided to confer with the Board of Control and determine how the money that might be appropriated by this Grand Chapter could be expended to subserve the best interest of the Home. At a joint meeting held by your committee and the said Board of Control it was unanimously decided to supply the buildings with electric fixtures, a convenience much desired by the occupants of the Home.

Your committee, therefore, requested the Board of Control to proceed with the work with the understanding that this Grand Chapter would appropriate all moneys collected this year for Masonic Home to that purpose. Your committee is pleased to state that the work has been satisfactorily completed at a cost of about $900.00, and the lights are now being used to the gratification of all concerned.

Your committee received from the Grand Secretary four hundred

and forty-seven dollars and eighty-three cents ($447.83), which was immediately paid to Brother John F. House, Secretary of the Board of Control, to be applied to payment on the work done.

Your committee also reports the reception of six quilts which were turned over to the Home.

Fraternally submitted,

AMANDA F. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*, No. 1,
MOLLIE RIDLEY, No. 2,
LETA W. LESUEUR, No. 1.

On motion, duly seconded, the report was accepted and ordered spread upon the minutes

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the O. E. S.:

We, your Committee on State of the Order, are glad to report that the work has been very encouraging during the past year. Eighteen new Chapters U. D. The order also shows a net increase of over 700 members during the year, which your committee considers most encouraging, and we are constrained to believe that the results for the coming year will be of the same encouraging nature.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ELECTA CONDITT, *Chairman*, No. 3,
MRS. MOLLIE GARRISON, No. 61.

On motion, the report of Committee was accepted and made a part of the record.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of Grand Chapter, Tennessee, O. E. S.:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence have carefully examined the report of the Worthy Grand Matron submitted to us.

We find all her official acts to be in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Order and we recommend the adoption of her report as read.

E. G. JOHNSON, *Chairman*, No. 1,
J. H. MCCLISTER, No. 31,
OPHELIA J. ALLAN, No. 26,
Committee.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence have carefully examined the report of the Worthy Grand Patron, except that part relating to finance, submitted to us.

We find his official acts to be in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Order and we recommend the adoption of his report as submitted to us.

E. G. JOHNSON, *Chairman*, No. 1,
J. H. McCLISTER, No. 31,
OPHELIA J. ALLAN, No. 26,
Committee.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence have carefully examined the report of the committee appointed at the last session to revise the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Chapter.

We find the changes and alterations made by this committee, as well as the additions to the original code to be in accordance with the law of the Order, and we recommend the adoption of the report as submitted.

E. G. JOHNSON, *Chairman*, No. 1,
J. H. McCLISTER, No. 31,
OPHELIA J. ALLAN, No. 26,
Committee.

On motion, duly seconded, the reports were accepted and ordered spread upon the minutes.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following communication was read and ordered a part of the record.

OFFICE OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY, LORRAINE J. PITKIN.

To All Members of the Order of the Eastern Star, Greeting:

The Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, provides that "The General Grand Chapter shall convene in general assembly every third year, at such place as may be determined by the vote of the General Grand Chapter at its previous Triennial Assembly; the first five officers, acting as a committee, shall decide the month, and may change the place of assembly in case of emergency."

At the Assembly held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September, 1907, it was ordered that the next Assembly of the General Grand Chapter should be held in Jacksonville, Florida, during the month of November, 1910, and the Committee provided for by the Constitution has decided upon November 8, 1910, as the most suitable date during that month, all conditions being considered.

The present Grand Matron of Florida, Dr. Orpha D. Bruce, Tampa, Fla., and the Chapters in Jacksonville, through her, have expressed their approval of the above date.

Notice giving further particulars will be sent out to the Order at large in ample time, so that all who anticipate attending the assembly may be fully advised at an early date.

LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
R. W. Grand Secretary.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, January, 1910.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following Committee on Resolutions was appointed by the Grand Matron:

Mrs. Ophelia Allan, No. 26; W. A. Green, No. 2; Mrs. Catharine H. Callahan, No. 85.

PUBLIC INSTALLATION.

On motion, duly seconded, that installation of Grand Officers be made a public entertainment for Wednesday evening, Miss Lippincott to give recital after installation and a special invitation given to the Daughters of Rebekah to attend. Motion carried.

GREETINGS.

The Grand Secretary reported greetings from the General Grand Chapter and from Sister Grand Jurisdictions, and upon motion they were ordered recorded upon the minutes. Those sending greetings were as follows:

Alabama.—Mrs. Mattie Hand, Grand Matron; Mrs. Elizabeth Salt Grand Secretary.

Arkansas.—J. F. Hopkins, Grand Secretary.

Arizona.—Harriet Jean Oliver, Grand Secretary.

California.—Mrs. Rosa J. Burns, Grand Matron; Mrs. Kate J. Willats, Grand Secretary.

Colorado.—Mrs. Mary MacLeod, Grand Matron.

Connecticut.—H. Elbert Moffatt, Grand Patron; Mrs. Harriet I. Burwell, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Jennie B. Moffatt, Grand Representative.

District of Columbia.—Mrs. Rose A. Yost, Grand Secretary.

Florida.—Dr. Orpha D. Bruce, Grand Matron; Arthur H. Carter, Grand Secretary.

Georgia.—Mrs. Jennie L. Newman, Grand Secretary.

Illinois.—Mrs. Nettie C. Kenner, Grand Secretary.

Indiana.—Miss Louise Decker, Grand Matron; Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Grand Secretary.

Iowa.—William H. Norris, Most Worthy Grand Patron; E. M. Willard, Grand Patron; Mrs. Maria Jackson, Grand Secretary.

Kansas.—Mrs. Minnie P. Burke, Grand Matron.

Kentucky.—Mrs. Josephine H. Tinder, Grand Secretary.

Louisiana.—Mrs. Eloise C. Balmer, Grand Matron; Mrs. M. E. Duncan, Grand Secretary.

Maine.—Albert L. Atkins, Grand Patron; Mrs. Annette H. Hooper, Grand Secretary.

Massachusetts.—Mrs. Isadore Forbes, Grand Secretary.

Maryland.—R. M. Coombs, Grand Secretary.

Michigan.—Mrs. Clara E. C. Eldridge, Grand Matron; Mrs. Eva S. Goodrich, Grand Secretary.

Minnesota.—Mrs. Mary T. Molyneaux, Grand Matron.

Mississippi.—Mrs. Myra Eaton, Grand Matron.

Montana.—Mrs. Elva Boardman, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska.—Mrs. Anna C. Simpson, Grand Secretary.

Nevada.—Mrs. Josephine Gosse, Grand Matron; Mrs. Anna H. Wardin, Grand Secretary.

North Dakota.—Mrs. Florence M. Hoskins, Grand Secretary.

New Jersey.—Mrs. Elizabeth Winter, Grand Matron; Peter Semler, Grand Patron.

New Hampshire.—Mrs. Lula J. A. Morris, Grand Matron.

New York.—Mrs. Rebecca Niner, Grand Secretary.

Ohio.—Anna B. Jacocks, Grand Matron.

Oklahoma.—Mrs. Ada T. Martin, Grand Matron; John B. Lindsay, Grand Patron; Mrs. Kitty Lee McClain, Grand Secretary.

Oregon.—Mrs. A. Antoinette Stiles, Grand Matron; Miss Nellie McKinley, Grand Secretary.

Pennsylvania.—Miss Bertha C. Kibler, Grand Matron; Mrs. Rata A. Mills, Grand Secretary.

Rhode Island.—Mrs. Julia B. Anthony, Grand Representative.

Scotland.—Margaret Lawson Keith, Grand Matron.

South Carolina.—Mrs. Ruth O. Brinkley, Grand Secretary.

South Dakota.—H. S. Fletcher, Grand Patron; Mrs. Angie L. Williamson, Grand Secretary.

Texas.—Mrs. Carrie B. Lane, Grand Matron; Mrs. Cassie C. Leonard, Grand Secretary; Mrs. America C. Rhea, Grand Representative.

Utah.—Mrs. Flora E. Sinclair, Grand Matron; Mrs. Frances G. Shields, Grand Secretary.

Virginia.—Mrs. H. M. Barbour, Grand Matron; Chas. A. Nesbitt, Grand Secretary.

Washington.—Mrs. Libbie J. Demorest, Grand Secretary.

Wisconsin.—E. T. Hayhurst, Grand Patron.

West Virginia.—Mrs. Marie Sobanski, Grand Matron.

Wyoming.—Mrs. Ines M. Robinson, Grand Secretary.

TELEGRAM OF GREETINGS

From Past Grand Matron Mrs. Belle DeRossett Knowles, of Tennessee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS.

The following beautiful and impressive program was carried out under the direction of Committee on Memorials:

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.
Solo by W. J. Street.
Eulogy by J. H. McClister, Chairman Committee.

"Life is a count of losses,
Every year;
Lost springs, with sobs replying
Unto weary autumn's sighing;
While those we love are dying,
Every year."

Each recurring Convocation of the Grand Chapter but emphasizes the certainty of death as once more we gather in memory about the open grave to drop the silent tear of sympathy and sorrow.

Since last we met in Grand Chapter, to many of our sisters and brothers has come the summons from the Grand Patron of Heaven to the Grand Convocation above. It is a beautiful custom to leave a tribute of love and affection to their memory as a part of the permanent record of this Grand Body, that those who come after us may know the virtues of the departed are held in loving remembrance, while their faults are forgotten.

With bowed heads and saddened hearts we stand in this presence, an for the brothers and sisters here assembled, drop the sympathetic t over the many newly made graves in this Grand Jurisdiction, where the remains of our deceased members, and at the same time we bow humble submission to the will of Him who is too wise and too good err—who doeth all things well.

Their bodies have been tenderly laid away by loving hands, but thank God for the comforting assurance that their spirits remain with us evermore. It must be that these loved ones are somewhere awake with the consciousness of life, that the mind that was theirs has not ceased to be mind, that the hearts that have been strong with purpose and warm affection are still sturdy in their intentions and still tender in their love. How else can we account for the potent influence continually cast over our lives by those who have gone on before. We mourn these livse of practical Godliness, of bright service, of brave endurance, thus brought to an earthly end. The kindling eye, the hearty hand clasp, the unquenchable fires of love and devotion that were wont to sparkle and give out their warmth, have gone forever, but the blessed influence of their

lives and the example of their Christian character belong with us through all the years to come—an inheritance that fadeth not away.

We realize how devoted to truth these sisters and brothers were, how disinterested their service, how useful their aim, how zealous their labor. Their life's blood was spent for the cause they loved so well. It has been through the efforts of such as these that the splendor of the Eastern Star was planned and reared and finished for durability. It is for us who remain to perpetuate and still more ennoble it. Their mantle has fallen the path is open; duty calls.

Polished and perfect stones are needed for the temple we are building. With the example of these, our friends, to push us onward and upward, we should not only beautify and adorn our own lives and characters, but bequeath a legacy of lasting and priceless worth for those who follow us.

There is no need to perpetuate their memory in chiseled stone or sculptured marble, for the deeds done, the many acts of kindness and love performed, the cup of cold water carried to the weary and worn in sweet Charity's name, make a more lasting monument because eternally set on the rock of duty and builded in love.

And now, sisters and brothers, our labor of love is finished. The tribute of our affection has been paid. Realizing how vain is the attempt to gild with words the sorrows of human life, we have attempted nothing more than to point friends and loved ones to careers of usefulness and honor, indulging the hope that consolation will be found by all in meditation upon such holy lives, the sweet and hallowed influence of which will remain with us all, soft and sweet, "like the echoes of an Aeolian harp, long after the winds have breathed upon its tuneful wires." Yes, our friends of former days, to whom many of us were bound by ties of sincere love and affection, "have prosecuted their journey," and, we trust, without dread or apprehension, "to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns."

Let us hope that in the "blest kingdom's meed of joy and love," it was their portion to hear from Him who sitteth as the Judge Supreme "the welcome words, well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

"There's a world where all are equal—we are hurrying to it fast;
We shall meet upon the level there, when the gates of death are past;
We shall stand before the Orient, and our Master will be there
To try the blocks we offer by His own unerring square.

We shall meet upon the level there, but never thence depart;
There's a mansion—'tis all ready for each trusting, faithful heart—
There's a mansion and a welcome—and a multitude is there
Who have met upon the level, and been tried upon the square.

Let us meet upon the level then, while laboring patient here;
Let us meet and let us labor, though the labor be severe;
Already in the Western Sky the signs bid us prepare
To gather up our working tools and part upon the square."

Calling roll of departed members. Placing flowers on the altar to the memory of those who have passed into the great beyond.

Hymn—"Blest be the Tie that Binds."

J. H. McCLISTER, *Chairman*, No. 31,
MRS. E. G. JOHNSON, No. 1,
MISS IDA RIDLEY, No. 2,
Committee.

On motion, duly seconded, the report of Committee was adopted and ordered a part of the record.

The following resolution was presented by Dr. T. A. Hisey, No. 31.

To the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, Order of the Eastern Star:

Our Heavenly Father has called the sainted and beloved mother of our Worthy Grand Matron to her reward in the blissful abode of the blest.

Therefore, be it resolved, That a page of our proceedings be set apart to the memory of Sister Mary Eliza Cline, with the poem to her memory composed by Sister Allie M. Lippincott inscribed thereon.

T. A. HISEY, No. 31.

On motion, seconded, the resolution as read was ordered spread upon the minutes.

The Grand Chapter was called off till 7:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

7.30 P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called to order by the Worthy Grand Patron, who announced that Milan Chapter, No. 51, would exemplify the Ritualistic Work for the benefit of the Subordinate Chapters in attendance upon the session of Grand Chapter. The work was creditably done and elicited favorable comment.

The introduction of the "Penny March" was a pleasing innovation, from which $17.60 was realized for the "Home Fund."

After the rendition of the Ritualistic Work, the Grand Officers resumed their stations. In accordance with the program previously announced, the remainder of the evening was taken up with short reports from the delegates of Subordinate Chapters on how to make our Chapters interesting and instructive, and how we raise our money for charitable purposes.

Mr. N. S. Woodward, of May Chapter, No. 24, presented the quilt (on which May Chapter realized over $100.00) to the Masonic Home, as follows:

I borrow a figure from Mary Harrell:

There is a stream of warm water flowing through the Atlantic Ocean. It is many miles in width, and thousands in length. Its sides and bottom are said to be cold water flowing down from the Arctic seas.

This stream of warm water originates under the blazing tropical sun, and impelled by a law of nature plows its way with irresistible force to the shores of Ireland, and the west and south coasts of England, and beyond, where it is lost to the Great North Sea about Iceland.

This stream may be said to be a part of the ocean through which it flows, but is not *of* it. The waters of one being warm and blue, and those of the other cold and green. Sailors can distinguish by both color and temperature when a vessel enters or leaves either of these bodies of water.

The continuous flow of this river of warm water around Ireland, and against the shores of England has a wonderful and happy effect upon both soil and climate. The climate, even in winter, is mild and human, and the soil fertile producing fine growth of grasses, and other crops poetic and the soil fertile, producing fine growth of grasses, and other crops for the sustenance of man and beasts. From this condition comes the poetic name of Ireland, the Emerald Isle. What a benefit and everlasting blessing to mankind is this wonderful river!

When we cross the Atlantic Ocean to the same latitude on this continent, where the beneficial effects of the Gulf Stream are unknown, we find ourselves on the sterile and rocky coast of Labrador, where the waters are frozen and the ground is covered with snow for half the year; a condition which will not support a large population, and where the few poverty-stricken inhabitants wage continuous warfare with the elements for a living, drawn from its icy waters in the form of fish and seals.

If we had the leisure we might give free rein to our imagination, and speculate as to what the loss would have been to mankind had there been no Gulf Stream.

Labrador, with its bitter cold winds, rocks, snow, and ice could not have produced and maintained the great British nation with its warriors, statesmen, lawgivers, authors, merchants, and last but not least, its churchmen, sending their missionaries to all lands, and to every isle of the seas. The flags of its commerce and navy is seen in every ocean. The British talent for government and missionary work is the greatest force known in the uplift of the inhabitants of the world. With no British nation there would now be no great American nation. Without Great Britain, North America would doubtless at this day be like Mexico, Cuba, and Central America, with a mixed population of ignorant whites, half breeds, Indians and negroes.

May we not say that the Order of the Eastern Star is a stream, as yet small, of pure water flowing through the great ocean of Freemasonry. It is not of us in the sense that we can call you Masons, but while there is a distinct line of separation you are indeed *of* us. You, ladies, are our wives, our mothers, our sisters, and our daughters; bound to us by the most sacred ties of relationship.

Your Ritual was born in the brain of Robert Morris, the Masonic poet of Kentucky, and we might say that your Order sprang full fledged, li Athene, the heathen goddess of wisdom, from the brain of Jove.

Among your teachings are brotherly love, relief and truth, which truly Masonic, and the seeds sown by Brother Morris in this congen soil has brought forth much good fruit to Masonry.

Men are brought to the altar of Freemasonry and placed under binding obligations to practice Masonic virtues. Good women need no formal obligations to make them pity the unfortunate and relieve the distressed. Men, from motives of policy and for business advancement, often avoid telling the truth. The moral nature of women, so much finer than that of men, impels them to disregard such motives, and tell and act the truth regardless of the cost. A Christian poet has said:

"Not she with traitrous kiss her Savior stung,
Not she denied Him with unholy tongue;
She, while apostles shrank, faced danger brave,
Last at His cross, and earliest at His grave."

What may we expect from the admission of women to the Order of the Eastern Star, and from that Order as an auxiliary to Masonry? Can we not get some light on the subject by a glance at the influence of women in the home, the schools, the church, and the government of our cities.

Fortunately the child is almost entirely under the guidance of the mother up to the time it enters school.

For many years past the beneficial effects of the employment of women as teachers, especially for the younger scholars, has been fully recognized, and their work has, fortunately, not been confined to the lower grades. Statistics show that seventy-five per cent of the teachers employed in the schools of the United States are women. In fact, their merits as educators has placed a number of them at the head of great institutions of learning.

During the past thirty years the governing bodies of church denominations have been glad to take advantage of the patient industry and untiring efforts of the women in church work, and the results have been gratifying; and last but not least, what are our women doing to purify the government of our cities? Colonel Waring, the great sanitary engineer, organized in New York a large brigade of men dressed in white, with their buckets, bags, and carts, as street cleaners; we are informed that this has changed that city from one of the dirtiest to one of the cleanest in the world. I am credibly informed that this splendid organization was suggested to him by a woman's club of that city.

In my home town of Knoxville, the general hospital, where so much suffering has been relieved, originated with our women, and they pushed the matter to a final conclusion.

What of the labors of our women for a city beautiful, and what of the work of the Mother's Association in our schools?

Yes, wherever suffering is to be relieved in hospital or in home our women are to be found. Their cooling hands are found on every feverish brow.

"Oh, women, in your hour of ease,
Uncertain, coy and hard to please;
Light and wavering as the shade,
By the quivering aspen made;
When pain and anguish wring the brow,
A ministering angel thou."

Tennessee Masons are justly proud of the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home, located near this city. It was, when first established, one of few such institutions on this continent.

For several years after the originators began this great work, they encountered and had to overcome serious opposition within the Fraternity, but knowing that all great beneficiary movements since the days o

Jesus Christ had been similarly opposed, Brothers Bumpas and Toney, of Nashville, persisted in their efforts. All this has now changed, and the Home has become popular with all Tennessee Masons.

This Home for Widows and Orphans of deceased Masons is the only tangible evidence to the eyes of the outside world that love and charity are the flower and fruit of Masonic teaching.

It is probable that this Home has up to this date cost in money $200,000, a large sum, indeed. In the face of these figures, I will assert that if "but one pure girl has been saved from degradation; if but one boy has been rescued from a life of crime; if but one soul has been saved for humanity and God; if but one tear has been dried, one sorrow comforted," this large sum has been well spent.

One of the material benefits Masonry is now receiving from the Order of the Eastern Star comes to us through the labors of your members for the Widows and Orphans' Home, and we have before us evidence of their good work in the form of a quilt, which is presented by May Chapter, No. 24, at Knoxville, to the Home Committee of this Grand Chapter. The members of May Chapter have raised on this quilt more than $100.00, and paid the amount into the funds of the Home, and thereon is written the names of seven hundred contributors. The name of the one who gave the "widow's mite" is equally honored with that of the one who gave her shekel, and her sacrifice was probably greater than that of the giver of the largest sum.

The beneficial effects of the action of May Chapter are threefold. The members of this Grand Chapter have before them a worthy object lesson; the management of the Home have the use of $100.00, a sum sufficient to support an inmate for a year, and, as it is better to give than to receive, the members of May Chapter have the supreme satisfaction which comes to those who sacrifice their time and money in a good cause.

Mr. A. S. Williams, in behalf of the Masonic Home Committee, feelingly responded to the eloquent presentation of the quilt.

Along the line of Masonic Home work, many interesting and instructive talks were made

A delightful and profitable evening was enjoyed by the representatives and visitors.

On motion, duly seconded, Milan Chapter, No. 51, be extended the sincere thanks of the Grand Chapter for the rendition of the Ritualistic Work, so creditably done.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter was called off till 9 A. M. Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Grand Chapter was called to order at 9 A. M.

The Grand Matron presiding.

The minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved, with corrections.

PRESENTATION OF JEWEL.

Brother Bartley, Grand Patron, presented the Worthy Grand Matron with a Grand Matron's jewel. He expressed the esteem of this Grand Chapter in the presentation by the following beautiful thoughts:

Sister Bishop:

Our Ritual teaches us that we know not what trials may await us in the journey through life—neither do we know the pleasures which are to come to us. The most pleasant duty and privilege of my year's work is before me now. I hold in my hand a jewel, which I am to present to you, on behalf of the officers and members of this Grand Jurisdiction—a slight token of their love and sincere appreciation for your earnest labor as Worthy Grand Matron. To fill the office of Grand Matron is no easy task, but you have filled it nobly and with honor. The pleasant acquaintances and loyal friendships formed with you will be as sweet forget-me-nots in the wreath of memory. Some one has beautifully said:

"The large are not the loveliest flowers,
The long are not the sweetest hours;
Much words do not much friendship tell;
Few words are best—we wish you well."

Please accept this jewel, and with it the sincere wish of every member of this Grand Chapter, that you may live many long and happy years, as one of our brightest stars.

In accepting the jewel, Sister Bishop said:

Brother Bartley:

After the kind helper that you have been to me throughout my year's service as your Grand Matron, it affords me great pleasure to receive through your hand this beautiful jewel. Words can never express how much I appreciate this gift.

I can only say that this act and this occasion shall be to me an inspiration to strive harder and with deeper love to further the growth of our beloved Order in every way in my power. The memory of this occasion will tend to purify and strengthen my life and lead to a more constant practice of the virtues inculcated by our Order. My brother, I thank you, and through you every member of this Grand Chapter.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, WAYS AND MEANS.

NASHVILLE, TENN., January 26, 1910.

To the Grand Chapter Tennessee, O. E. S.:

Your Committee on Finance, Ways and Means respectfully report that they have examined the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct and neatly kept, showing following balances, viz.:

General Fund	$680 14
Masonic Home Fund	144 09
Total last report	$824 23
Amount received during term	1,802 06
Total receipts	2,626 29
Disbursed, as per vouchers	1,720 61
Balance in treasury this date	$905 68

Fraternally submitted,

A. S. WILLIAMS, *Chairman,*

S. M. PRICE,

Committee.

NASHVILLE, TENN., January 26, 1910.

To the Grand Chapter Tennessee, O. E. S.:

Your Committee on Finance, Ways and Means respectfully report and recommend the following appropriations for ensuing year:

Four 1,000-mile books, to be used by Grand Matron, Grand Patron, and Grand Secretary	$100 00
Printing proceedings	400 00
Porterage	10 00
Reception, Maxwell House	50 00
Typewriting for Correspondence	7 00
Salary, Grand Secretary	400 00

Salary, Grand Treasurer..... 25 00
Salary, Fraternal Correspondent..... 25 00
Mileage for this session Grand Chapter, 1 fare, plus 25 cents.....

Fraternally submitted,

A. S. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*,
S. M. PRICE,
Committee.

On motion, seconded, the report was accepted as read.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF FINANCE, WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

Your Finance, Ways and Means Committee find that there has been deposited in City Savings Bank by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary $204.93, for which they hold certificates of deposit from receiver. We recommend that the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be instructed to transfer these certificates to the Board of Control of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, to be realized on and used for the benefit of that institution as they see fit.

A. S. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*,
S. M. PRICE,
Committee.

Your committee further recommends that Brother J. H. McClister be reimbursed for services in organizing Chapters.

A. S. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*,
S. M. PRICE,
Committee.

On motion, duly seconded, the Supplemental Report of Committee was adopted.

On motion, duly seconded, the Grand Secretary was instructed to procure a Bible for the use of the Grand Chapter.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Worthy Grand Matron appointed Brothers Rippy and Walters tellers, and Brothers Slager and Price clerks.

On motion, duly seconded, nominations for the elective officers be the order. After some discussion, the motion carried.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was held, with the following result:

Worthy Grand Matron.—Mrs. Lydia M. Raines, No. 43.
Worthy Grand Patron.—Prof. Joe Sims, No. 9.
Associate Grand Matron—Miss Allie M. Lippincott, No. 62.
Associate Grand Patron.—Dr. T. A. Hisey, No. 31.
Grand Secretary.—Mrs. Mary R. Forbs, No. 1.
Grand Treasurer.—Miss Mollie Ridley, No. 2.
Grand Conductress.—Mrs. Gussie K. Goodloe, No. 47.
Associate Grand Conductress.—Mrs. Frances Haun, No. 51.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following:

To the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, O. E. S.:

Your Committee on Resolutions respectfully submit the following:

Be it resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be and are hereby extended to the local Chapters and especially to the members of the Committee from those Chapters who have worked so faithfully for the success and comfort of this session.

Be it resolved, That this Grand Chapter here express its sincere appreciation of the untiring efforts of our retiring Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to further the interests of the Order throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.

Be it resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby directed to extend the thanks of this Grand Chapter to the Odd Fellows Hall Association, the Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodges, for their kindness in arranging their meetings to permit us to use this hall.

Be it resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be extended to the management of the Maxwell House for courtesies extended and to the press of Nashville and the representatives thereof for the excellent reports that have been given our meeting.

Be it resolved, That this Grand Chapter return thanks to the members of Milan Chapter, No. 51, for the splendid exemplification of the Ritualistic Work which they have given us.

Be it resolved, That we here endeavor to express our thanks to Sister Allie M. Lippincott for her generous offer to entertain this Grand Chapter with a recital.

Respectfully submitted,
OPHELIA J. ALLAN, *Chairman*, No. 26,
W. A. GREEN, No. 2,
CATHARINE H. CALLAHAN, No. 85.

On motion, duly seconded, the report of the Committee was ordered a part of the record.

John M. Dunlap presented the matter of Pilgrims Rest, this Chapter failing to organize. The adjustment of the matter of refunding their money left to the incoming officers for settlement.

The Grand Matron announced that the members and visitors of the Grand Chapter would visit the Masonic Home at 2 P. M.

The Grand Matron-elect, Mrs. Lydia M. Raines, announced that she would make the appointments of the remaining officers and committees at the public installation to be held at 7:30 P. M.

CLOSING CEREMONIES.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter united in singing. Prayer was offered and the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star was regularly closed, to convene in Nashville, as provided for in the Constitution, Tuesday before the last Wednesday, January, 1911.

MRS. LYDIA M. RAINES,
Worthy Grand Matron (elect).

Attest:

MRS. MARY R. FORBS,
Grand Secretary.

PROF. JOE SIMS,
Worthy Grand Patron (elect).

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

7.30 P. M.

PUBLIC INSTALLATION.

Mrs. Lydia M. Raines, Worthy Grand Matron (elect), announced the following appointive officers:

Grand Adah.—Mrs. Anna Fleming, No. 53.
Grand Ruth.—Mrs. Eula Mathis, No. 86.
Grand Esther.—Mrs. Catharine H. Callahan, No. 85.
Grand Martha.—Mrs. Eva L. Seay, No. 17.
Grand Electa.—Mrs. Geneva Dodd, No. 20.
Grand Chaplain.—Mrs. Mollie Crittenden, No. 69.
Grand Marshal.—Miss Elizabeth Taylor, No. 65.
Grand Organist.—Mrs. Lena B. Bartley, No. 41.
Grand Warder.—Miss Ametta Head, No. 88.
Grand Sentinel.—J. M. Susong, No. 78.

COMMITTEES.

Finance, Ways and Means.—Edward G. Johnson, No. 1; Samuel Slager, No. 62; James H. McClister, No. 31.

Masonic Home.—Sterling M. Price, No. 1; Mrs. Eva C. Williams, No. 2; Mrs. Electa Conditt, No. 3.

Returns.—A. S. Williams, No. 1; A. M. Tippitt, No. 52; Mrs. Mary Gray, No. 70.

Credentials.—Jno. P. House, No. 2; J. H. S. Morrison, No. 82; Mrs. Florence Jackson, No. 72.

Jurisprudence.—Frank E. Bartley, No. 41; Mrs. Eva C. Bishop, No. 4; Mrs. Amanda F. Williams, No. 1.

Appeals and Grievances.—P. D. Hall, No. 73; Miss Trude Carrol, No. 83; Mrs. S. M. Penland, No. 30.

Dispensations and Charters.—Mrs. Hoyland T. Martin, No. 22; Mrs. Minnie F. Kimbrough, No. 81; Dr. W. P. Boze, No. 90.

Memorials.—Mrs. S. J. LeSueur, No. 1; Miss Ida Ridley, No. 2; Mrs. Maggie Biggs, No. 71.

Foreign Correspondent.—Mrs. Ophelia Allan, No. 26.

District Deputy, East Tennessee.—Mrs. H. Rowe Courtney, No. 41.

District Deputy, Middle Tennessee.—Mrs. Mary R. Forbs, No. 1.

District Deputy, West Tennessee.—Mrs. Geneva Dodd, No. 20.

Committee for Procuring Badges for General Grand Chapter.—Mrs. Mary R. Forbs.

Committee on Book of Instructions for Subordinate Chapters (to report at next session of Grand Chapter).—Mrs. Hoyland T. Martin, P. G. M. Mrs. A. S. Williams, P. G. M.; Mrs. Eva C. Bishop, P. G. M.; Frank E. Bartley, P. G. P.

INSTALLATION.

The Grand Officers-elect and appointive were installed by the retiring Grand Matron, Mrs. Eva C. Bishop, as Installing Officer, and Mrs. Gussie K. Goodloe as Grand Marshal, as follows:

Mrs. Lydia M. Raines, Worthy Grand Matron.
Prof. Joe Sims, Worthy Grand Patron.
Miss Allie M. Lippincott, Associate Grand Matron.
Dr. T. A. Hisey, Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary R. Forbs, Grand Secretary.
Miss Mollie Ridley, Grand Treasurer.
Mrs. Anna Fleming, Grand Adah.
Mrs. Eula Mathis, Grand Ruth.
Mrs. Catharine H. Callahan, Grand Esther.
Mrs. Eva L. Seay, Grand Martha.
Mrs. Geneva Dodd, Grand Electa.
Mrs. Mollie Crittenden, Grand Chaplain.
Miss Elizabeth Taylor, Grand Marshal.
Mrs. Lena B. Bartley, Grand Organist.
Miss Ametta Head, Grand Warder.
J. M. Susong, Grand Sentinel.

The installation ceremonies were very impressively rendered by Past Grand Matron, Sister Bishop. The rendition of the installation poem and distribution of flowers to the Star Officers was an attractive feature of the ceremonies.

After the installation ceremonies were completed, Miss Allie M. Lippincott, of Memphis, Associate Grand Matron, gave a recital from Hugo's "Les Miserables." Miss Lippincott is a reader of rare ability and has made a special study of "Les Miserables." She has made a thorough analysis of the book and has so condensed the contents as to tell the complete story in a programme of less than an hour. Few themes of such magnitude have been undertaken in readings, but the intricate and difficult subject was presented by Miss Lippincott to the delight of her audience.

RECEPTION.

Monday evening, from 8 to 10 P. M., at the Maxwell House parlors, an informal reception was held complimentary to the Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of Tennessee.

As the years go by, we are better able to appreciate our wants and needs of the Order, and in this relation these annual informal affairs are being more and more appreciated. Here we renew old acquaintances, each year new ones are formed, thus the social work of the Order is promulgated by strengthening the ties of friendship in this social commingling.

Pelleteries' Orchestra furnished the music throughout the evening to the delight of all present. There was present a large representation from all parts of the State who will carry home with them many fond reccollections of the social features of the Grand Chapter Session, 1910.

To the Memory

OF THE

DECEASED MEMBERS

OF OUR

SISTER JURISDICTIONS.

"I know not where His islands lift
Their palms in fronded air,
I only know they can not drift
Beyond God's love and care."

To the Memory of Our Dear Mother in the Order of the Eastern Star

MARY ELIZA MORRIS CLINE

Darling mother, thou hast gone,
Yet we do not weep for thee.
Thou hast sailed on—on—
To the sea of Eternity.

We feel that thou art happy now
In that celestial throng
Where with saints thou dost bow
To Him who reigns in praise and song.

We can not ask thee back, mother,
To suffer longer here,
But we will go to thee, mother—
To thee—our mother dear.

—Allie Medora Lippincott.

Sacred to the Memory

OF OUR

DEPARTED SISTERS AND BROTHERS

IN

OUR JURISDICTION—1909

ROCK CITY CHAPTER, No. 2.
JOHN C. KENNEDY.

ELMWOOD CHAPTER, No. 3.
MRS. MATTIE ALLGIER.

AMANDA CHAPTER, No. 4.
MRS. MARY E. CLINE.

IRON CITY CHAPTER, No. 9.
ALVIN SMITH.

MARY CHAPTER, No. 11.
MISS HILDA BRADFORD.

MINERAL SPRINGS CHAPTER, No. 14.
REV. J. W. S. HELTON.

INDIAN MOUND CHAPTER, No. 17.
LEONA MCGREGOR, P. W. M.

LAUREL CHAPTER, No. 22.
Mrs. Roxie Foreman, P. W. M.

MAY CHAPTER, No. 24.
C. H. Hanson.

ERWIN CHAPTER, No. 29.
Miss Lucile Bailey.

HAMBLEN CHAPTER, No. 31.
Mrs. Lucy Shields.

TATE SPRING CHAPTER, No. 36.
Captain Thomas Tomlinson.

PLEASANT VIEW CHAPTER, No. 38.
Mrs. Ellen Morris.
T. W. Morris.

WARDS CHAPTER, No. 49.
Joseph Matheney.

DOVER CHAPTER, No. 52.
G. W. Guerrin.

TRIMBLE CHAPTER, No. 59.
Mrs. Analyza Pierce.

BEECH CHAPTER, No. 61.
Mrs. Pauline Dorris.

MEMPHIS CHAPTER, No. 62.
C. G. Locke.

NEWBERN CHAPTER, No. 66.

Mrs. Ann Mason.

MT. VERNON CHAPTER, No. 67.

Lulu J. Simmons.

Emily Wroten.

KNOXVILLE CHAPTER, No. 69.

Miss Debbie Satterfield.

BOB REAVIS CHAPTER, No. 71.

Mrs. Lola Cashon.

"One by one the links are breaking
All along the golden shore;
One by one the silent boatman
Bears their gentle spirit o'er."

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

EAST NASHVILLE CHAPTER, No. 1.

Meets Second and Fourth Fridays. Corner Foster and N. Third Streets, Nashville, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Virgie F. Hewitt.
Worthy Patron.....S. H. Davidson.
Secretary.....Mrs. Dora V. Johnson, 326 Wilburn St.

102 MEMBERS.

ROCK CITY CHAPTER, No. 2.

Meets First and Third Fridays. Masonic Temple, Nashville, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Linnie Maddux.
Worthy Patron.....W. A. Green.
Secretary.....Mrs. Susie E. Gore, 1620 Chadwell Ave.

93 MEMBERS.

ELMWOOD CHAPTER, No. 3.

Meets First Saturday of Each Month. Elmwood, Smith County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Etta Young.
Worthy Patron.....Jno. Conditt.
Secretary.....Ocie Conditt.

47 MEMBERS.

AMANDA CHAPTER, No. 4.

Meets Second Tuesday in Each Month. Crossville, Cumberland County Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Ella West.
Worthy Patron.....M. W. West.
Secretary.....Mrs. M. Joe Burnett.

67 MEMBERS.

BETHPAGE CHAPTER, No. 5.

Meets Third Saturday in Each Month. Bethpage, Sumner County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Lulu Ray.
Worthy Patron.....Jno. C. Henry.
Secretary.....Ed. A. Woodson.

48 MEMBERS.

IRON CITY CHAPTER, No. 9.

Meets Second Saturday in Each Month. Iron City, Lawrence County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. W. C. Whitworth.
Worthy Patron.....Prof. Joe Sims.
Secretary.....Mrs. Anna M. McKey.

42 MEMBERS.

MARY CHAPTER, No. 11.

Meets Fourth Saturday in Each Month. Clarkrange, Fentress County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Paulina Little.
Worthy Patron.....W. J. Todd.
Secretary.....Mrs. Joanna Peters McDonald

88 MEMBERS.

ESTHER CHAPTER, No. 12.

Meets Monday on or before Full Moon in Each Month, 2:30 p. m. Wartrace, Bedford County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. M. F. Hailey.
Worthy Patron.....John E. Justice.
Secretary.....Bessie M. Eason.

23 MEMBERS.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHAPTER, No. 13.

Meets Second Saturday in Each Month. Cumberland Gap, Claiborne County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Minnie Thomas.
Worthy Patron.....Dr. Didymus Thomas.
Secretary.....Mrs. Lizzie D. Thomas.

42 MEMBERS.

MINERAL SPRINGS CHAPTER, No. 14.

Meets Fourth Saturday in Each Month, 10:30 a. m. Walker Ford, Union County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Miss Leona Welch.
Worthy Patron.....J. H. Ousley.
Secretary.....Miss Dora E. Butcher, Liberty Hill.

44 MEMBERS.

ASHLAND CITY CHAPTER, No. 15.

Meets First Monday in Each Month. Ashland City, Cheatham County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Miss Belle Burcholder.
Worthy Patron.....J. J. Nave.
Secretary.....Mrs. Eura Burcholder.

30 MEMBERS.

INDIAN MOUND CHAPTER, No. 17.

Meets Second Wednesday and Fourth Saturday Nights in Each Month. Indian Mound, Stewart County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Eva Seay.
Worthy Patron.....Dr. C. N. Keatts.
Secretary.....Mrs. Emma Moery.

39 MEMBERS.

PORTLAND CHAPTER, No. 18.

Meets Friday before Fourth Saturday in Each Month. Portland, Sumner County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Amanda Booker.
Worthy Patron.....W. T. McGlothlin.
Secretary.....Mrs. Daisy Roark.

52 MEMBERS.

MASON HALL CHAPTER, No. 20.

Meets Second Saturday in Each Month at 2 p. m. Mason Hall, Obion County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Sallie Hopper.
Worthy Patron.....Dr. P. N. Matlock.
Secretary.....Mrs. Geneva Dodd, Kenton, Tenn.

57 MEMBERS.

LAUREL CHAPTER, No. 22.

Meets First Thursday of Each Month. Harriman, Roane County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Laura Wallinger.
Worthy Patron.....Robert Ayres.
Secretary.....Mrs. Hoyland T. Martin.

95 MEMBERS.

MAY CHAPTER, No. 24.

Meets Fourth Tuesday of Each Month. Knoxville, Knox County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Frances Bowen.
Worthy Patron.....T. M. Michaels.
Secretary.....Mrs. Mary Lewis, 1109 Tulip Ave.

166 MEMBERS.

QUEEN ESTHER CHAPTER, No. 25.

Meets Friday Evening on or before the Full Moon Each Month. Medina, Gibson County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Miss Emma Taylor.
Worthy Patron.....J. H. Barnwell.
Secretary.....Mrs. Anna Karnes.

42 MEMBERS.

CRESCENT CHAPTER, No. 26.

Meets Friday Night on or before Full Moon Each Month. Hartsville, Trousdale County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Miss Ethel Allan.
Worthy Patron.....Andrew J. Hager.
Secretary.....Miss Bettie Hall.

33 MEMBERS.

UTOPIA CHAPTER, No. 27.

Meets Second Saturday of Each Month. Piney Flats, Sullivan County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Gertrude A. Ford.
Worthy Patron.....Berton L. Ford.
Secretary.....Mrs. Nora E. Wolfe.

41 MEMBERS.

DECATURVILLE CHAPTER, No. 28.

Meets Saturday Evening on or before Full Moon. Decaturville, Decatur County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Zetta Blount.
Worthy Patron.....H. A. Culp.
Secretary.....Miss Beatrice Blount.

106 MEMBERS.

ERWIN CHAPTER, No. 29.

Meets Third Saturday, 7:30 p. m., of Each Month. Erwin, Unicoi County, Tenn.

OFFICERS

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Mary C. Hale.
Worthy Patron.....W. S. Erwin.
Secretary.....Mrs. Lee Roberts.

76 MEMBERS.

CHILHOWEE CHAPTER No. 30.

Meets First Saturday Each Month. Madisonville, Monroe County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Josie Penland.
Worthy Patron.....William J. Cobble.
Secretary.....Mrs. Linnie K. Pardue.

59 MEMBERS.

HAMBLEN CHAPTER, No. 31.

Meets Second Friday Each Month. Morristown, Hamblen County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Penelope Hisey.
Worthy Patron.....William E. Howell.
Secretary.....Mrs. Clyde Howell.

45 MEMBERS.

UNION CHAPTER, No. 33.

Meets Saturday before Third Sunday Each Month. Lafayette, Macon County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Anna Cothron.
Worthy Patron.....S. A. Cothron.
Secretary.....Mrs. Mary L. Faust.

124 MEMBERS.

HOPE CHAPTER, No. 35.

Meets First Saturday Each Month, 1 p. m. Watauga, Carter County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Emma Thompson.
Worthy Patron.....J. F. Robertson.
Secretary.....Miss Laura Gibson.

36 MEMBERS.

TATE SPRING CHAPTER, No. 36.

Meets First Thursday Each Month, 1 p. m. Tate Spring, Grainger County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Miss Jessie Johnson.
Worthy Patron.....Joseph J. Brown.
Secretary.....Mrs. Eva P. Rankin.

35 MEMBERS.

RUTH CHAPTER, No. 37.

Meets Second Wednesday Each Month. Saulsbury, Hardeman County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Miss Jennie Black.
Worthy Patron.....Chas. W. Press.
Secretary.....Mrs. Alice W. Bouton.

40 MEMBERS.

PLEASANT VIEW CHAPTER, No. 38.

Meets Second Saturday, 1 p. m., Each Month. Pleasant View, Cheatham County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Tennie Woodson.
Worthy Patron.....Dr. S. T. Woodruff.
Secretary.....Miss Ellen Teasley.

65 MEMBERS.

FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER, No. 40.

Meets First Saturday Each Month, 1 p. m. Friendship, Crockett County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Maud Quisenbury.
Worthy Patron.....J. P. Harwell.
Secretary.....Mrs. Annie Cole.

23 MEMBERS.

JEFFERSON CHAPTER, No. 41.

Meets Second Tuesday Each Month, 1 p. m. White Pine, Jefferson County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. H. Rowe Courtney.
Worthy Patron.....J. E. Holloway.
Secretary.....Mrs. Lizzie Inman.

65 MEMBERS.

WHITE HAVEN CHAPTER, No. 43.

Meets Second Thursday Each Month, 2 p. m. White Haven, Shelby County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Eugenia McClure.
Worthy Patron.....E. W. Hale.
Secretary.....Miss Rosa Hale.

34 MEMBERS.

J. W. BELL CHAPTER, No. 44.

Meets Second and Fourth Tuesdays Each Month. Gallatin, Sumner County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. J. J. Naive.
Worthy Patron.....Daniel Gaines.
Secretary.....Mrs. Julia L. Gaines.

24 MEMBERS.

FIDELITY CHAPTER, No. 46.

Meets Second Saturday Each Month. Tasso, Bradley County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Miss Maud Lee.
Worthy Patron.....J. T. Chancey.
Secretary.....Miss Melissa Byrd.

58 MEMBERS.

ALAMO CHAPTER, No. 47.

Meets Friday Night following Thursday on or before Full Moon Each Month. Alamo, Crockett County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Lulu C. Lowe.
Worthy Patron.....John H. Perry.
Secretary.....Mrs. E. T. Cates.

70 MEMBERS.

EVANGELINE CHAPTER, No. 48.

Meets Second Thursday Night Each Month. Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Marietta Swart.
Worthy Patron.....J. M. Patterson.
Secretary.....Mrs. Janet Durand, No. 18 Mitchel Ave.

46 MEMBERS.

WARDS CHAPTER, No. 49.

Meets Friday before Second Sunday Each Month. Wards Chapel, Weakley County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Mollie Young.
Worthy Patron.....D. A. Curlee.
Secretary.....Mrs. M. L. Reynolds, R. F. D. No. 1, Greenfield, Tenn.

34 MEMBERS.

MIDWAY CHAPTER, No. 50.

Meets Saturday before Full Moon Each Month, 1 p. m. Midway, Green County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Miss Ida B. Greer.
Worthy Patron.....J. C. Stallard.
Secretary.....Mrs. Lucy Clemmer.

22 MEMBERS.

MILAN CHAPTER, No. 51.

Iets First Thursday Evening Each Month. Milan, Gibson County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Frances Haun.
Worthy Patron.....Rev. Wm. L. Norris.
Secretary.....Miss Kittie Haun.

40 MEMBERS.

DOVER CHAPTER, No. 52.

Meets Second and Fourth Wednesday Evenings Each Month. Dover, Stewart County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Zilphia Baggett.
Worthy Patron.....A. M. Tippit.
Secretary.....Mrs. Bessie Davenport.

56 MEMBERS.

STANDING STONE CHAPTER, No. 53.

Meets First Tuesday Evening in Each Month. Monterey, Putnam County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Miss Bertha Caraway.
Worthy Patron.....Grant Griffith.
Secretary.....Mrs. Lillian Conatser.

45 MEMBERS.

WEST POINT CHAPTER, No. 54.

Meets Second Saturday in Each Month. West Point, Lawrence County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. G. F. Johnson.
Worthy Patron.....W. W. McCrory.
Secretary.....Mrs. Willie Sue Welch.

27 MEMBERS.

MORNING STAR CHAPTER, No. 55.

Meets First Wednesday in Each Month. Rutledge, Grainger County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Anna M. Bryan.
Worthy Patron.....James F. C. Lawrence.
Secretary.....Miss Dorsie M. Bryan.

31 MEMBERS.

HARRISON CHAPTER, No. 56.

Meets at 2 p. m. Saturdays before Full Moon in Each Month. Harrison, Hamilton County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Grizzie Lowe.
Worthy Patron.....S. A. Farris.
Secretary.....Mrs. Mattye Farris.

26 MEMBERS.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 57.

Meets Wednesday Nights before Full Moon in Each Month. Fall Branch, Washington County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Miss Tom Duncan.
Worthy Patron.....Oscar O. Vincent.
Secretary.....Mrs. Calla Warren.

31 MEMBERS.

MARTHA DANDRIDGE CHAPTER, No. 58.

Meets Third Saturday, at 2 p. m., in Each Month. Dandridge, Jefferson County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Maude Robeson.
Worthy Patron.....James F. Robeson.
Secretary.....Miss Mattie Denton.

23 MEMBERS.

TRIMBLE CHAPTER, No. 59.

Meets First and Third Thursday Nights after Full Moon in Each Month. Trimble, Dyer County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Ida Holloman.
Worthy Patron.....C. E. Green.
Secretary.....John P. Jetton.

MT. LEBANON CHAPTER, No. 60.

Meets Saturday after Full Moon in Each Month. Decaturville, R. F. D. No. 3, Decatur County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Ada Fisher.
Worthy Patron.....Robert H. Fisher.
Secretary.....Ethel Wallace.

55 MEMBERS.

BEECH CHAPTER, No. 61.

Meets Second Wednesday in Each Month. Beech Church, Sumner County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Miss Callie King.
Worthy Patron.....E. E. Reynolds.
Secretary.....Mrs. Emma Dorris, Hendersonville, Tenn.

44 MEMBERS.

MEMPHIS CHAPTER, No. 62.

Meets Second Tuesday in Each Month. Memphis, Shelby County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Josie Tyler.
Worthy Patron.....H. R. Goodell.
Secretary.....Mrs. Lulu Nienstedt, 924 Lamar Ave.

214 MEMBERS.

UNION CITY CHAPTER, No. 63.

Meets Second Thursday in Each Month. Union City, Obion County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Charity Trevathan.
Worthy Patron.....W. L. White.
Secretary.....Miss Chloe Puler.

26 MEMBERS.

NAOMI CHAPTER, No. 64.

Meets Second Friday Night in Each Month. Cumberland City, Stewart County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Tennie Lewis.
Worthy Patron.....E. W. Wood.
Secretary.....Mrs. Susie Caldwell.

20 MEMBERS.

MOSSY CREEK CHAPTER, No. 65.

Meets First Tuesdays Each Month, at 8 p. m., at Jefferson City, Jefferson County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Miss Elizabeth Taylor.
Worthy Patron.....S. W. Douglass.
Secretary.....Miss Carrie Cate.

33 MEMBERS.

NEWBERN CHAPTER, No. 66.

Meets Second and Fourth Wednesday Nights Each Month. Newbern, Dyer County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Lutie Gauldin.
Worthy Patron.....A. C. Mason.
Secretary.....R. N. Montgomery.

56 MEMBERS.

MT. VERNON CHAPTER, No. 67.

Meets First Saturday Each Month, 9 a. m. Sharon, Weakley County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Martha Waterfield.
Worthy Patron.....B. E. Waterfield.
Secretary.....Minnie Hunt.

40 MEMBERS

SULPHUR SPRINGS CHAPTER, No. 68.

Meets Second Saturday Each Month, 10 a. m. Whitwell, Marion County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Bertie Shelton.
Worthy Patron.....J. W. Raulston.
Secretary.....Mrs. Lillie Alder.

20 MEMBERS.

KNOXVILLE CHAPTER, No. 69.

Meets Second Wednesday Night Each Month. Knoxville, Knox County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Mollie E. Crittenden.
Worthy Patron.....S. R. Rambo.
Secretary.....Mrs. Alice A. Lawrence, 406 W. Vine Street.

43 MEMBERS.

LOWRYVILLE CHAPTER, No. 70.

Meets First Saturday Each Month. Lowryville, Hardin County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Mary Gray.
Worthy Patron.....S. E. Franks.
Secretary.....Lura Vanhoose, Pyburns, Tenn.

46 MEMBERS.

BOB REAVIS CHAPTER, No. 71.

Meets Second and Fourth Wednesday Nights Each Month. Martin, Weakley County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Maude C. Hall.
Worthy Patron.....Charles A. Cashon.
Secretary.....Miss Musa Hall.

43 MEMBERS.

GRANVILLE CHAPTER No. 72.

Meets Saturday before Second Sunday Each Month, 1 p. m. Granville, Jackson County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Florence F. Jackson.
Worthy Patron.....Joseph M. Horn.
Secretary.....Mrs. Marie Gold Smith.

VICTORY CHAPTER, No. 73.

Meets Third Saturday after Full Moon, 10 a. m. Martin's Mills, Wayne County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Callie Clayton.
Worthy Patron.....P. D. Hall.
Secretary.....Phronia Franks.

40 MEMBERS.

WOODLAWN CHAPTER, No. 74.

Meets Second Friday Each Month. Raleigh, Shelby County, Tennessee.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Sarah E. Webster.
Worthy Patron.....Paul B. Hare.
Secretary.....Miss Daisy D. Rawlings.

29 MEMBERS.

BUENA VISTA CHAPTER, No. 75.

Meets Third Friday Each Month, 7:30 p. m. 9th Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. W. S. Hite.
Worthy Patron.....E. C. Bruce.
Secretary.....Miss Annie L. Tidwell.

39 MEMBERS.

ERIN CHAPTER, No. 76.

Meets First and Third Thursdays, 7:30 p. m., Each Month. Erin, Houston County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Lillian B. Knight.
Worthy Patron.....John D. McAuley.
Secretary.....Miss Ettie Parrott.

28 MEMBERS.

LILY CHAPTER, No. 77.

Meets Second Thursday Each Month, 2 p. m. Middleton, Hardeman County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Cora W. Simpson.
Worthy Patron.....Slater Simpson.
Secretary.....Mrs. Margie Nolen.

27 MEMBERS.

NEWPORT CHAPTER, No. 78.

Meets Saturday on or before Full Moon. Newport, Cocke County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Irene Susong.
Worthy Patron.....J. M. Susong.
Secretary.....Jetta Lee.

23 MEMBERS.

MAPLE CHAPTER, No. 79.

Meets Second Wednesday Afternoon Each Month. Mountain City, Johnson County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Inez R. Butler.
Worthy Patron.....W. T. Smythe.
Secretary.....Iva D. Elrod.

47 MEMBERS.

FAIRVIEW CHAPTER, No. 80.

Meets Saturday after Full Moon. Church Hill, Hawkins County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Nannie Roadman.
Worthy Patron.....J. D. Hamilton.
Secretary.....Mrs. Maude C. Price.

22 MEMBERS.

OAK GROVE CHAPTER, No. 81.

Meets First Saturday Each Month, 2 p. m. Lucy, Shelby County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Minnie F. Kimbrough.
Worthy Patron.....J. A. McDaniel.
Secretary.....Miss Roberta Hammontree, Lucy, R. F. D. No. 2.

35 MEMBERS.

PINNACLE CHAPTER, No. 82.

Meets Second and Fourth Fridays. Cumberland Gap, Claiborne County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Catharine Carr.
Worthy Patron.....James H. S. Morrison.
Secretary.....Addie Berkan.

30 MEMBERS.

KENTON CHAPTER, No. 83.

Meets First Wednesday of Full Moon, 7:30 p. m. Kenton, Obion County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Miss Trude Carrol.
Worthy Patron.....Dr. Henry T. Fullerton.
Secretary.....Miss Callie Howell.

26 MEMBERS.

DYER CHAPTER, No. 84.

Meets Third Thursday Each Month, 7:30 p. m. Dyer, Gibson County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Miss Mary Jarvis.
Worthy Patron.....C. O. Ewell.
Secretary.....Miss Mays Collis.

35 MEMBERS.

JACKSON CHAPTER, No. 85.

Meets Second Thursday Each Month. Jackson, Madison County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Elizabeth E. Irby.
Worthy Patron.....Henry C. Irby.
Secretary.....Mrs. Lutie A. Heavner, 438 E. College Street.

35 MEMBERS.

ELECTA CHAPTER, No. 86.

Meets Second Monday Each Month. Greenfield, Weakley County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Eula Mathis.
Worthy Patron.....James H. Keel.
Secretary.....Nell Reder.

30 MEMBERS.

CHEWALLA CHAPTER, No. 87.

Meets Second Friday Each Month, at 2 p. m. Chewalla, McNairy County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Eliza Ramer.
Worthy Patron.....J. W. T. Derryberry.
Secretary.....Mrs. Birdie Shelton.

29 MEMBERS.

RED RIVER CHAPTER, No. 88.

Meets Second Saturday Each Month, 2 p. m. Adams, Robertson County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Miss Ametta Head.
Worthy Patron.....J. B. Woodruff.
Secretary.....Mrs. Lessie Sugg.

29 MEMBERS.

EVENING STAR CHAPTER, No. 89.

Meets First Saturday Each Month, at 10 a. m. New Middleton, Smith County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Mary C. Crockett.
Worthy Patron.....Robert E. Smartt.
Secretary.....Mrs. Juliette Bradley.

26 MEMBERS.

ROME CHAPTER, No. 90.

Meets Wednesday before Second Sunday Each Month. Rome, Smith County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Evie Boze.
Worthy Patron.....Dr. W. F. Boze.
Secretary.....Barbara Fahey.

26 MEMBERS.

CROWN CHAPTER, No. 91.

Meets Saturday on or before Full Moon. Trigonia, Loudon County, Tenn.

OFFICERS.

Worthy Matron.....Mrs. Sue E. Swaney.
Worthy Patron.....Robert W. Swaney.
Secretary.....J. S. Swaney, Greenback, Tenn., R. F. D. No. 2.

20 MEMBERS.

RECAPITULATION.

Name of Chapter.	Number.	Location.	Last Report.	Initiated.	Affiliated.	Reinstated.	Increase.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Died.	Expelled.	Present Report.
East Nashville	1	Nashville	107	4		3	7	9	3			102
Rock City	2	Nashville	82	12	7		19	2	5	1		93
Elmwood	3	Elmwood	45	5	1		6	3		1		47
Amanda	4	Crossville	60	9			9		1	1		67
Bethpage	5	Bethpage	47	1			1					48
Iron City	9	Iron City	44	7			7	2	6	1		42
Mary	11	Clarkrange	80	9			9			1		88
Esther	12	*Wartrace	23									23
Mountain View	13	Cumberland Gap	41	1			1					42
Mineral Springs	14	Walker Ford	50			2	2	2	5	1		44
Ashland City	15	Ashland City	31	2			2		3			30
Indian Mound	17	Indian Mound	29	11			11			1		39
Portland	18	Portland	54	2			2	4		2		52
Mason Hall	20	Kenton	49	8			8	3	3			51
Laurel	22	Harriman	88	9	4		13	2	3	1		95
May	24	Knoxville	124	39	5		44	2		2		166
Queen Esther	25	Medina	45						2			43
Crescent	26	Hartsville	33									33
Utopia	27	Piney Flats	46	2			2		7			41
Decaturville	28	Decaturville	98	8			8					106
Erwin	29	Erwin	72	6						1		77
Chilhowee	30	Madisonville	45	14			14					1
Hamblen	31	Morristown	38	8			8			1		
Union	33	LaFayette	112	12			12					12
Hope	35	Watauga	37								1	3
Tate Spring	36	Tate Spring	35	2			2	1		1		35
Ruth	37	Saulsbury	39	4			4		3			40
Pleasant View	38	Pleasant View	61	6			6			2		65
Friendship	40	Friendship	24						1			23
Jefferson	41	White Pine	61	9			9	4	1			65
White Haven	43	White Haven	31	2	1	1	4		1			34
Jno. W. Bell	44	Gallatin	25	2			2	1	2			24
Fidelity	46	Tasso	52	10			10	2	2			58
Alamo	47	Alamo	54	17			17	2				70
Evangeline	48	Chattanooga	74		7	1	8		36			46

*Last report.

RECAPITULATION—CONT'D.

Name of Chapter.	Number.	Location.	Last Report.	Initiated.	Affiliated.	Reinstated.	Increase.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Died.	Expelled.	Present Report.
Wards	49	Wards Chapel	34	5			5	1	3	1		34
Midway	50	Midway	28						6			22
Milan	51	Milan	41	1	2			3	4			40
Dover	52	Dover	55	4			4	2		1		56
Standing Stone	53	Monterey	30	15			15					45
West Point	54	West Point	27									27
Morning Star	55	Rutledge	29	7			7	5				31
Harrison	56	Harrison	24	2			2					26
Washington	57	Fall Branch	29	5			5	3				31
Martha Dandridge	58	Dandridge	23									23
Trimble	59	Trimble	39	6			6	1		1		43
Mt. Lebanon	60	Decaturville	49	8			8				2	55
Beech	61	Beech Church	42	4			4	1		1		44
Memphis	62	Memphis	202	25	2		27	14		1		214
Union City	63	Union City	29	1			1		4			26
Naomi	64	*Cumberl'd City	20									20
Mossy Creek	65	Jefferson City	26	5	3		8	1				33
Newbern	66	Newbern	52	6			6			1		56
Mt. Vernon	67	Sharon	27	15			15			2		40
Sulphur Springs	68	Whitwell	20									20
Knoxville	69	Knoxville	29	20			20			1		48
Lowryville	70	Lowryville	24	22			22					46
Bob Reavis	71	Martin	29	15			15			1		43
Granville	72	Granville	28	5			5					33
Victory	73	Martins Mills	29	11			11					40
Woodlawn	74	Raleigh										26
Buena Vista	75	Nashville										29
Erin	76	Erin										39
Lily	77	Middleton										28
Newport	78	Newport										27
Maple	79	Mountain City										23
Fairview	80	Church Hill										47
Oak Grove	81	Cuba										22
Pinnacle	82	Cumberl'd Gap										35
Kenton	83	Kenton										30
Dyer	84	Dyer										27

*Last report.

RECAPITULATION—CONT'D.

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Jackson	85	Jackson	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	35
Electa	86	Greenfield	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	35
Chewalla	87	Chewalla	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	30
Red River	88	Adams	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	29
New Middleton	89	New Middleton	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	29
Rome	90	Rome	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	26
Crown	91	Trigonia	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	20
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MILEAGE REPORT.

Mrs. Eva C. Bishop, Grand Matron	4 80
Frank E. Bartley, Grand Patron	7 54
Mrs. Lydia M. Raines, Associate Grand Matron	7 15
Prof. Joe Sims, Associate Grand Patron	2 65
Miss Allie Lippincott, Grand Conductress	7 15
Mrs. Lena B. Bartley, Grand Adah	7 54
Mrs. Geneva Dodd, Grand Ruth	5 20
Mrs. Ada Atkinson, Grand Esther	4 75
Mrs. Mary Reed, Grand Martha	6 70
Mrs. Anna Fleming, Grand Electa	3 40
Mrs. Cynthia Malone, Grand Warder	6 90
John M. Dunlap, Grand Sentinel	3 85
Mrs. Gussie K. Goodloe, Grand Marshal	5 05
Mrs. Frances Haun, Grand Chaplain	4 30
Mrs. Hoyland T. Martin, Grand Committee	4 80
J. H. McClister, Grand Committee	7 90
Mrs. Ophelia Allan, Grand Committee	1 65
T. A. Hisey, Grand Committee	7 90
Mrs. H. R. Courtney, Grand Committee	8 45
Miss Victoria Butcher, Grand Committee	7 65
Mrs. Electa Conditt, Grand Committee	2 05
Mrs. Mollie Garrison, Grand Committee	55
Mrs. Ella West	4 15
Mrs. Annie Forsythe	3 35
Mrs. Pauline Little	4 15
Miss Leona Welch	7 65
Mrs. Eva L. Seay	3 35
Mrs. Sallie Hopper	5 20
Mrs. Jennie Rosenbeck	6 70
Miss Ethel Allan	1 60
Miss Maggie Humphrey	10 60
Miss Bessie Rogers	4 70
Mrs. Mary Hale	8 50
Mrs. Josie Penland	7 90
Mrs. Penelope Hisey	7 90
Mrs. Emma Thompson	9 80
Mrs. Fannie Woodson	1 20
J. P. Harwell	5 10
Mrs. Lottie McDonald	7 00
W. C. Rippy	1 00
Miss Maude Lee	6 00

Mrs. S. L. Henderson	5 05
Mrs. Marietta Swart	4 75
Miss Ida B. Greer	8 75
Miss Williamson	4 30
Mrs. Zilphia Baggett	3 55
Mrs. Nannie B. Carraway	3 40
Mrs. Bessie Willis	3 55
Mrs. Tom Duncan	9 80
Miss Lillian Nichols	7 80
Mrs. Bessie Jones	5 30
Robert H. Fisher	4 75
Miss Callie King	55
Mrs. Josie Tyler	7 15
Mrs. W. L. White	4 75
Miss Elizabeth Taylor	7 80
R. M. Montgomery	5 75
Mrs. Minnie Hunt	3 70
J. W. Raulston	4 60
Mrs. Mollie Crittenden	6 70
Miss Zelma Biggs	4 50
Mrs. Florence Jackson	2 80
Miss Bettie Press	6 90
Miss Lena Reaves	3 55
Mrs. Mollie Brigham	2 80
Mrs. Cora W. Simpson	6 40
Mrs. Adaline S. Smith	8 65
Inez R. Butler	14 78
J. D. Hamilton	9 80
Mrs. Minnie F. Kimbrough	7 15
Mrs. Catharine Carr	8 65
Miss Trude Carrol	5 20
C. O. Ewell	6 10
Mrs. Catharine H. Callahan	4 75
Mrs. Eula Mathis	5 25
Mrs. Eliza Ramer	6 50
Miss Ametta Head	1 61
Mrs. Mary C. Crockett	1 85
W. F. Boze	1 75
Mrs. Sue E. Swaney	8 60
Total	$443 81

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS RESIDING NEAR THIS GRAND CHAPTER.

Name	*State*	*Commission Expires*
Mrs. Lulu Brown	Arkansas	Jan., 1913
Mrs. Lillian Ridgway	California	July, 1911
Mrs. Caswell A. Goodloe	Connecticut	Aug., 1911
Mrs. Lelah De Golia	Florida	Jan., 1912
Mrs. Julia L. Gaines	Georgia	Jan., 1913
Mrs. Geneva Dodd	Iowa	Nov., 1910
Mrs. Mary R. Forbs	Indiana	May, 1911
Mrs. Anna Laney	Kansas	Mar., 1912
Mr. S. M. Price	Kentucky	Jan., 1911
Mrs. Anna Fleming	Maine	Mar., 1912
Mrs. Emma V. Wallace	Maryland	June, 1910
Mrs. Bessie Carr	Michigan	Feb., 1910
Mrs. Mattie Watts	Missouri	Mar., 1910
Mrs. Florence Stallard	Minnesota	Aug., 1911
Mrs. Electa Conditt	New Hampshire	Jan., 1913
Miss Allie M. Lippincott	New York	Nov., 1911
Mrs. Georgia A. Grove	Nevada	Aug., 1910
Mrs. Belle McMurry	North Carolina	
Miss Ida Ridley	North Dakota	Jan., 1912
Miss Victoria Butcher	Oklahoma	Mar., 1911
Mrs. Hattie A. Shelton	Oregon	Apr., 1912
Mrs. Gerda Smith	South Dakota	Nov., 1910
Mrs. Lena B. Bartley	Texas	May, 1912
Mrs. Amanda P. Williams	Utah	Dec., 1910
Mrs. Cynthia Malone	Vermont	July, 1911
Mrs. Dollie Comstock	West Virginia	June, 1912
Mrs. Fannie Davis	Wyoming	Jan., 1912

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS GRAND JURISDICTION RESIDING NEAR OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS.

Name	*State*	*Commission Expires*	
Mrs. Carrie McClintock	Arkansas	Aug.,	1912
Mrs. Mary Josephine Young	California	Oct.,	1912
Mrs. Jennie B. Moffatt	Connecticut	Apr.,	1912
Mrs. Annie H. Williamson	Florida	Jan.,	1911
Mrs. Inez Moore	Iowa	Feb.,	1911
Mrs. Carrie M. Fanning	Indiana	Apr.,	1911
Mrs. Lillie Clark	Kansas	Apr.,	1911
Mrs. Mattie Pipes	Kentucky	July,	1911
Mrs. Nina V. A. Talbot	Maine	May,	1911
Mrs. Eliza J. Barber	Michigan	June,	1911
Mrs. Mary Bowers	Minnesota	Aug.,	1911
Mrs. Cora B. Douglas	North Carolina	June,	1912
Mrs. Emma M. Keyes	North Dakota	May,	1911
Mrs. Pauline Kittel	New Jersey	Oct.,	1911
Mrs. Christina Ballow	New York	Nov.,	1911
Mrs. Violet B. Keyes	New Hampshire	Aug.,	1911
Mrs. Polly Martin	Nevada	Aug.,	1912
Mrs. Sophia Brown	Oklahoma	Nov.,	1912
Mrs. Myrtle Connor	Oregon	Apr.,	1912
Mrs. Julia B. Anthony	Rhode Island	June,	1912
Mrs. Coralyn R. Kenefick	South Dakota	May,	1911
Mrs. America C. Rea	Texas	May,	1912
Mr. Richard L. Conely	Utah	Apr.,	1911
Mrs. Mary S. Gleason	Vermont	Aug.,	1911
Mrs. Addie Cary	West Virginia	June,	1912
Mrs. Nellie M. Thorn	Wyoming	Aug.,	1912

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

1907-1910

M. W. Grand Matron.—Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, Racine, Wis.,
M. W. Grand Patron.—Mr. William H. Norris, Manchester, Iowa.
R. W. Associate Grand Matron.—Mrs. M. Alice Miller, El Reno, Okla.
R. W. Associate Grand Patron.—Rev. Willis D. Engle, Indianapolis, Ind.
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R. W. Grand Conductress.—Mrs. Rata A. Mills, Duke Centre, Pa.
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W. Grand Adah.—Mrs. Ellie Lines Chaplain, Pine Meadow, Conn.
W. Grand Ruth.—Mrs. M. Elizabeth Leach, Bar Harbor, Maine.
W. Grand Esther.—Mrs. Minnie H. Miller, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
W. Grand Martha.—Mrs. Mary P. Ouzts, Greenwood, S. C.
W. Grand Electa.—Mrs. Ellen J. Tilton, Cheyenne, Wyoming.
W. Grand Warder.—Mrs. Marie L. Coffin, Carson, Nevada.
W. Grand Sentinel.—Mrs. Elmer C. Patterson, Marshall, Minn.
W. Grand Marshal.—Mrs. Helen W. Monahan, Darlington, Wis.
W. Grand Organist.—Mrs. Nettie V. Turner, New Smyrna, Fla.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF GRAND OFFICERS OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

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Grand Matron....Mrs. Mattie Hand.....Bay Minette
Grand Patron....George A. Ash, 1828 Rush Ave.....Birmingham
Grand Secretary..Mrs. Elizabeth Salter, 516 Cotton Ave..Birmingham

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Grand Matron....Mrs. Nellie Olney.....Safford
Grand Patron....Fletcher M. Doan.....Tombstone
Grand Secretary..Miss Harriet Jean Oliver.....Prescott

ARKANSAS.

Grand Matron....Mrs. Lucy Thornburg.....Little Rock
Grand Patron....W. B. Clark.....Harrison
Grand Secretary..J. F. Hopkins.....Mabelvale

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Grand Secretary..Mrs. Kate J. Willats, 1002 Ellis St.....San Francisco

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Grand Matron....Mrs. Mary McLead.....Salida
Grand Patron....M. H. Van Fleet.....Alamosa
Grand Secretary..Mrs. Eliza S. Cohen.....Colorado Springs

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Grand Patron....James Simpson.....Torrington
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Grand Patron....Henry W. Davis.....St. Augustine
Grand Secretary..Arthur H. Carter.....Holly Hill

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Grand Patron....Arthur S. Harris.....Macon
Grand Secretary..Mrs. Jennie L. Newman.....Dalton

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Grand Matron....Miss Harriet Smith.....Weiser
Grand Patron....John F. Herr.....Caldwell
Grand Secretary..Mrs. Mary E. O'Melveny.....Pocatello

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Grand Patron....Wm. B. Hale.....Geneva
Grand Secretary..Mrs. Nettie Ransford.....Indianapolis

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Grand Matron....Mrs. Maggie Wiley.....Mason City
Grand Patron....E. M. Willard.....Atlantic
Grand Secretary..Mrs. Maria Jackson.....Council Bluffs

KANSAS.

Grand Matron....Mrs. Minnie P. Burke.....Fredonia
Grand Patron....J. E. Humphrey.....Nickerson
Grand Secretary..Mrs. Della Bennett.....Hutchinson

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Grand Patron....Edgar W. Whittemore.....Paducah
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Grand Patron....J. Nevill Matthews.....St. Francisville
Grand Secretary..Mrs. M. E. Duncan.....Alexandria

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Grand Matron....Mrs. Cora M. Putnam.....Houlton
Grand Patron....Albert L. Atkins.....Dexter
Grand Secretary..Mrs. Annette H. Hooper.....Biddeford

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Grand Patron....Alfred E. Wellington.....East Boston
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Grand Matron....Mrs. Clara E. C. Eldredge.....Adrian
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Grand Secretary..Mrs. Eva S. Goodrich.....Ann Arbor

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Grand Patron....J. D. Meadows.....Meridian
Grand Secretary..Mrs.Mollie Allen.....Booneville

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Grand Patron....Rev. James M. Boon.....St. Charles
Grand Secretary..Miss Mary Jean White.....Harrisonville

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Grand Patron....Edward O. Lewis.....Stevensville
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Grand Patron....D. E. Green.....Lincoln
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Grand Matron....Mrs. Josephine Goese.....Reno
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Grand Matron....Mrs. Lulu J. A. Morris.....Lancaster
Grand Patron....Clarence M. Collins.....South Danville
Grand Secretary..Mrs. Bessie P. Norris, 51 Islington St.....Portsmouth

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Grand Matron....Mrs. Elizabeth Winter, 284 Pavonia Ave...Jersey City
Grand Patron....Peter Semler, 64 Franklin St.....Jersey City
Grand Secretary..Mrs. Mary Martin, 408 Graham Ave.....Paterson

NEW MEXICO.

Grand Matron....Mrs. M. R. Koehler.....Silver City
Grand Patron....Dr. Chas. Duncan.....Socorro
Grand Secretary..Mrs. Minnie H. Miller.....Albuquerque

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Grand Patron....John Darrell Nicol, 251 W. Eighty-first St. New York
Grand Secretary..Mrs. Rebecca Niner, 25 W. Forty-second St. New York

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Grand Matron....Mrs. Jennie O. G. Travis.....Halifax
Grand Patron....G. R. Calvert.....Asheville
Grand Secretary..L. M. Climer.....Greensboro

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Grand Matron....Mrs. Rosa Baker.....Devils Lake
Grand Patron....O. D. Purinton.....Cooperstown
Grand Secretary..Mrs. Florence M. Hoskins.....Bismarck

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Grand Patron....Winfield J. Newhard.....Carey
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Grand Matron....Mrs. Lula B. Evans.....Stroud
Grand Patron....Wm. G. Bryson.....Bartlesville
Grand Secretary..Mrs. Mary Alberson.....Blackwell

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Grand Patron....H. T. Botts.....Tillamook
Grand Secretary..Miss Nellie McKinley, 395 Eugene Ave.....Portland

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Grand Matron....Bertha C. Kible.....Corry
Grand Patron....John B. Martin.....Homestead
Grand Secretary..Mrs. Rata A. Mills.....Duke Centre

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Grand Matron....Mrs. Myra A. Ray.....East Providence
Grand Patron....George W. Avery.....Hope Valley
Grand Secretary..S. Penrose Williams, Free Mason's Hall....Providence

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Grand Matron....Mrs. Margaret Lawson Keith, Cedar Road.....Broughty Ferry
Grand Patron....James D. Gibson, 60 Frederick St.....Edinburgh
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Grand Matron....Mrs. Annie Lee Anderson.....Blacksburg
Grand Patron....D. A. G. Outzs.....Greenwood
Grand Secretary..Mrs. Ruth Owens Brinkley.....Georgetown

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Grand Matron....Mrs. Anna A. Lumley.....Pierre
Grand Patron....H. S. Fletcher.....Watertown
Grand Secretary..Mrs. Angie L. Williamson.....Madison

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Grand Matron....Mrs. Lydia M. Raines.....Raines
Grand Patron....Prof. Joe Sims.....Lawrenceburg
Grand Secretary..Mrs. Mary R. Forbs, 305½ Fifth Ave., N....Nashville

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Grand Patron....G. W. Glasscock.....Georgetown
Grand Secretary..Cassie C. Leonard, 900 Florence St.....Ft. Worth

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Grand Patron....E. O. Leatherwood (acting).....Salt Lake City
Grand Secretary..Mrs. Frances G. Shields, 150 E. South Temple.....Salt Lake City

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Grand Matron....Mrs. Christina Borland.....South Londonderry
Grand Patron....Dr. F. R. Stoddard.....Shelburne
Grand Secretary..H. L. Stillson.....Bennington

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Grand Patron....Dr. J. W. Kellam.....Wachapreague
Grand Secretary..Chas. A. Nesbitt.....Richmond

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Grand Matron....Mrs. Rosa G. Ruth.....Olympia
Grand Patron....James H. Heasley.....Vancouver
Grand Secretary..Mrs. Libbie J. Demorest, 3317 N. Twenty-ninth St.....Tacoma

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Grand Matron....Maria Sobanski.....Wheeling
Grand Patron....Addis L. Davis.....Charleston
Grand Secretary..Minerva C. Debendarfer.....Mannington

WISCONSIN.

Grand Matron....Mrs. Rachel Gardner.....Grand Rapids
Grand Patron....E. T. Hayhurst.....Waterloo
Grand Secretary..Mrs. Helen M. Laflin, 466 Jefferson St.....Milwaukee

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Grand Matron....Mrs. Estella Barnett.....Cody
Grand Patron....J. M. Lowndes.....Douglas
Grand Secretary..Mrs. Inez M. Robinson.....Cheyenne

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Grand Matron, Grand Patron, Members of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee:

I herewith submit a review of the proceedings of forty-five Grand Chapters.

The work has been somewhat laborious because crowded by other unforeseen duties, and the fact that many of the proceedings for 1909 were not received until the past few weeks.

The work has been pleasant and profitable, and I am constrained to believe that if the Associate Grand Matron could be the Fraternal Correspondent she would glean many helpful suggestions for her year as Grand Matron.

As I perused the work of the various Grand Chapters, I was impressed with the conscientious bravery with which the Grand Matrons performed their duties, the high ideals, the fine sentiment and the eloquence with which they are expressed.

Many Grand Chapters are changing their laws with the idea of making hem better, and are seeking to improve their plans for instruction.

With few exceptions an enthusiastic interest is shown in contributing unds for charity, especially for Eastern Star and Masonic Homes and Hospitals.

The outlook in all the Grand Jurisdictions is bright, and the present rapid growth will soon bring our membership to the half million mark.

To compile these reports has been a labor of love, and to you, Grand Matron, I am indebted for the honor.

Fraternally submitted,

HOYLAND T. MARTIN,
Fraternal Correspondent.

ALABAMA.

NINTH ANNUAL, MONTGOMERY, NOVEMBER 4, 1909.

By invitation the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Alabama, held its Ninth Annual Session in the Grand Lodge Hall, erected by the Masonic bodies of the State. Its fine library, the many committee rooms and other modern conveniences with which the building is provided, makes it well adapted for the accommodation of deliberative bodies.

The Grand Chapter was called to order by the Grand Patron, Jacob Block. The Grand Matron being escorted to the East, opened the Grand Chapter in regular form.

Past Grand Matron, Hannah D. Chaffee, delivered the address of welcome in which she referred to the Masonic Home soon to be erected;

and in the name of the Masons, Brother Guy Smith also gave a welcoming address, in responding to which, Sister Belle Robinson Ash used the following beautiful words:

"Doubtless many of you, through this organization and the aid of the Holy Spirit, have entered the wonderful temple called Christianity. The most sublime study in God's universe is the study of this temple of Divine Truth. To use the imagery of another, let us enter this temple at the 'Portico of Genesis,' and walking through the 'Old Testament Art Gallery' gaze upon the characters of the noble men and women whose pictures adorn its walls. We enter the 'Music Room of Psalms' where our hearts beat in harmony with the impassioned strains from the tuneful harp of the sweet singer of Israel. Then we pass into the 'Chapel of Ecclesiastes' and hear the voice of the preacher, solemnly saying, 'Fear God,' and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.' Passing through the observatory room of the prophets we see telescopes 'pointing to far off events, but all concentrated upon the bright Morning Star' which, though seen by only a few, was to rise above the hills of Judea. From the 'Throne Room of Revelation' we hear the voice of Him 'Whose star we have seen in the East,' saying, 'Behold, I come quickly.' (Rev. 22:7.)

"May we, like the wise men of old, search diligently the scrolls of this Book upon which our Order is founded, and be watching for the return of this Star which is soon to rise again. Then, 'Every eye shall see Him.'" (Rev. 1:7.)

The Grand Matron, Mrs. Ellen C. Dexter, reported eighteen new Chapters constituted; granted nine dispensations. Says the following which we do not understand:

"A request that, at times of elections that the hats are not placed on the Bible. This is out of my power. There is nothing in the Constitution against it, and it is Masonic."

What does this mean?

She made some good recommendations.

The Grand Patron, Jacob Block, shows by his address that he takes a special interest in his work.

Grand Secretary, Sister Salter, reports: Total membership, 3,198. In treasury, $2,211.23.

Brother Ben M. Jacobs, Chairman of the Home Board, in his report, sets forth the many advantages in the proposed location of the Home, near Montgomery.

Sister Salter, whose face is so familiar in *our* Grand Chapter, presented jewels to the retiring Grand Matron and Grand Patron in the following words:

"The past year will ever be associated in my memory as a happy one and one of the most pleasing memories, and I assure you that I am not insensible to the high honor that but a few minutes ago was bestowed upon me when I was asked to present to you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, these jewels, the insignia of your high office in this Grand Jurisdiction. Especially am I proud, as our association in the year's work, which has been that of fraternal friendship. It has been in the interest of the Order and I trust the labors will be productive of much good, that seed has been sown that will bring forth abundant harvest. We have been drawn together by the magnetism of the 'Star of the East'

and I trust, Worthy Grand Matron, as I pin this jewel upon your breast, that your life will shine as bright as this beautiful stone, shedding love, peace and joy along life's pathway.

"To you, Brother Block, may this jewel that adorns this watch fob, be a loving remembrance of the time when you were our beloved Grand Patron. They are both stars, emblems of the Order we love so well; may your life be full of good deeds and kind acts, and I trust as you both pass to the roll of Past Grand Officers that the chain—our chain—will be long unbroken."

The Fraternal Correspondent, Sister Margaret Carter, reviews proceedings of forty-five Grand Chapters, giving Tennessee, 1909, a page of favorable mention.

Mrs. Mattie Hand, Grand Matron.
Mr. Geo. Ash, Grand Patron.
Elizabeth Salter, Grand Secretary.

ARIZONA.

Prescott, November 19, 1908.

The Grand Matron, all of her officers except five, and representatives of fourteen Chapters in attendance.

The sum of $500 was invested in bonds of the Masonic Temple at Prescott.

Address of welcome by Mrs. Fay Southworth and response by Rosaline Clark were good.

Grand Matron, Anna B. Morgan, reported all official visits satisfactory in most respects.

The question is asked: "When should the Patron stand?" We should say: "when the other officers stand."

The Grand Matron recommended that black cubes be substituted for black balls. There could never be a possible excuse for making a mistake if cubes were used.

There are 1,087 members in fifteen Chapters, a net gain of sixty nine for the year. No new Chapters. One Charter suspended.

There is a cash balance of $1,200.

The sum of $60 will hereafter be used for a Past Grand Matron's Jewel; and the Fraternal Correspondent will receive $75.

Sister Rosa Firth, in thirty-nine pages, reviews the proceedings of forty-three Grand Chapters, Tennessee, for 1908, nearly a page. The report starts with Pennsylvania and closes with Arkansas, probably a mistake of the printer.

The emoluments of the office will not be likely to cause a scramble for the position.

The next session will be held in Tucson, on the 10th of February, 1910.

Mrs. Rosaline Clark Flagstaff, Grand Matron.
Henry M. Woods, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Harriett J. Oliver, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL, SAN FRANCISCO, OCTOBER 19, 1909.

Grand Chapter was declared open by the Worthy Grand Patron, Alexander R. Frazer.

Past Grand Patron, Joseph Rosenberg, presented to the Grand Patron a silver mounted gavel made from olive wood, symbolical of the Chapter he represented. There were in attendance a large number of Past Grand Officers and the representatives of 216 Chapters. Grand Patron organized nine new Chapters, made four decisions, and reported several charming social events in which he participated. The Grand Matron, Annie M. Johnson, made a good address which showed she has been busy holding schools of instruction, installing officers, and in many ways advancing the work of the Order, and the Grand Chapter adopted the following amendment to the law, enlarging her powers to enable her to preside during a part of Grand Chapter session. (Something of an innovation for California.)

"The Grand Matron shall assist the Grand Patron in the discharge of his duties; she shall preside during the opening and closing ceremonies of each session and during the reception of Representatives of other recognized Grand Chapters and Past Grand Officers; she shall have power to grant all Special Dispensations, except for the purpose of organizing new Chapters; to convene any Chapter within the jurisdiction; to preside therein; to inspect their proceedings; require their conformity to the laws of the Order; to sign in connection with the Grand Patron all charters and dispensations granted; sign all warrants drawn on the Grand Treasurer; to appoint Representatives near other recognized Grand Chapters; to receive and accredit Representatives from them; make herself thoroughly acquainted with the workings of the Order throughout the jurisdiction, and at each annual communication recommend such legislation as in her judgment the welfare of the Order may require."

Sister Annie Krebs who had, by the authority of the Grand Matron and Grand Patron, visited a number of Grand Chapters, in company with the Most Worthy Grand Matron, gave a very interesting report of those visits.

This Grand Chapter has a Ritual Committee whose duties included the preparation of a "Book of Instructions," which was highly commended by the Grand Matron. They also hold examinations and issue credentials to the District Deputies. Fraternal correspondence, by Sister Laurel B. Daniel, is exceedingly interesting. Tennessee is omitted. Total number of Chapters, 250; total membership, 28,632.

ROSA JOSEPHINE BURNS, Grand Matron.
PHINEAS FANNING FERGUSON, Grand Patron.
KATE JOSEPHINE WILLATS, Grand Secretary.

COLORADO.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL, BOULDER, SEPTEMBER 22, 1909.

Grand Matron Josehine S. Hogg, presiding.

The address of welcome by Associate Grand Matron, Mary McLeod, and the response by Mrs. Minnie L. Higgins, contain gems of thought.

The Grand Matron shows a busy year. Granted eighteen dispensations, nearly all to elect and install out of time. Her decisions, eight in number, were commended and approved. She made thirty-six official visits, finding a universal spirit of kindliness and helpfulness.

The Grand Patron, Wm. Alexander, instituted two Chapters and constituted one.

Grand Secretary, Eliza J. Cohen, reported, membership, 7,110, net gain, 456; balance in treasury, $2,700.

Fraternal Correspondent in his review skips Tennessee.

MRS. MARY MCLEOD, Grand Matron.
M. H. VAN FLEET, Grand Patron.
ELIZA S. COHEN, Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL, HARTFORD, JANUARY 28, 1909.

Past Grand Matron, Lina H. Baldwin, called the Grand Chapter to order at 10:05 A. M., and instructed the Grand Marshal to invite the Grand Matron, Linna E. Pond, and her Associate Grand Officers to enter the Chapter room.

The Grand Matron and Grand Patron were received and escorted to their stations.

Sister Clara M. Georgia, Past Grand Matron, who had been invited to deliver the address of welcome, being detained by illness, the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linna G. Pond, welcomed the representatives, as well as the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, twenty-two of whom were present, and received Grand Honors.

Fifty-four Chapters were represented by their officers and fifty-five by "Permanent Members."

The Grand Matron had a busy year. Made fifty-five official visits, finding Chapters in good condition, many doing almost perfect work. Made an address on Robert Morris' Day, and made some good decisions, which were approved. She made an address for the Eastern Star, at the celebration of the 13th Anniversary of the Masonic Home, which institution the Eastern Star helps to support.

The Past Grand Matrons and Patrons have formed an association and at their 3d annual meeting, presented to the Grand Matron a beautiful gavel and block of marble, for use in the Grand Chapter.

Membership, January 1, 1909, 6,376; net gain, 335; new Chapters, none; $829.20 contributed to Masonic Home Fund besides gifts of a substantial nature sent direct to the Home.

A Past Grand Matron's Jewel was presented to Sister Linna E. Pond by Past Grand Patron, H. Elbert Moffatt, saying among other good things:

"A jewel to a Past Grand Matron is a memento of the love and esteem entertained for her by the members which she has so faithfully served."

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of Connecticut, adopt a grave marker for use by Subordinate Chapters, and that a committee be appointed to look into the matter of design, expense, etc., the same to report at the next meeting of the Grand Chapter.

Sister Linna H. Baldwin, as Fraternal Correspondent, reviewed fifty-two proceedings, in which she kindly mentions Tennessee.

The next annual session will be held in New Haven the last week in January, 1910.

Ida E. W. Davis, Grand Marton.
William J. Rawlings, Grand Patron.
Harriet I. Burwell, Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Thirtieth Annual, Washington, January 9, 1909.

The meeting was called to order by Past Grand Matron, Sister Almeria S. Williamson, who instructed the Grand Marshal to invite the Grand Matron and other Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room.

The Grand Matron, Sister Julia N. Streator, and Grand Patron, Brother William F. Gude, were escorted to their stations in the East in due form.

Sister Elmira Foley, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Brother L. Cabell Williamson, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, of the General Grand Chapter, were received with Grand Honors and escorted to seats in the East.

The address of the Grand Matron showed her earnestness and devotion to the work she had undertaken. In her official visits she was accompanied, not only by the Grand Patron but her whole corps of Grand Officers. These visitations disclosed a prosperous condition of the Order in this Jurisdiction. On each occasion there were in attendance many Past Grand Matrons and Patrons whose presence and interest were inspiring.

This Grand Chapter has done much to strengthen the Masonic Fraternity and Order of the Eastern Star, by entering enthusiastically into plans for the Home. The Grand Matron recommends a per capita tax to raise funds to complete the Home. Her plan, which is as follows, might be used with good results in other Jurisdictions, viz: To levy a reasonable tax, say $5, allowing five years within which to pay. Many would probably pay immediately, giving a fund sufficient to begin on.

The address of the Grand Patron, Brother Wm. F. Gude, is full of wisdom and encouragement to his followers. He says:

"With such hearts as throb in this circle, with such intellects as here glow, with such characters as make, and ornament this fabric, and with such willingness and eagerness to freely discharge every duty, failure to achieve nobly is impossible. Words fail me to express my gratitude for the splendid results of your efforts and your fidelity."

The Grand Secretary, Rose A. Yost, made a good report, showing substantial growth numerically and financially.

Numerous changes in the Constitution were made, among which was a provision for the election of a Board of Trustees, who shall have charge of Grand Chapter properties.

One new Chapter was granted a charter.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Nellie M. Landergren, Viola C. De Shields and Ellen S. Myers, have reviewed sixty-one proceedings of forty-five Grand Jurisdictions, including Tennessee for 1907–08.

Mrs. Mary T. O'Brien, Grand Matron.

Tom J. Landergren, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Rose A. Yost, Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA.

Fifth Annual, Jacksonville, April 21, 1909.

The Grand Matron, Sister Jeannette E. Grether, opened the Grand Chapter in ample form, with all Grand Officers present.

An address of welcome was delivered by Hon. W. H. Sebring, Mayor of Jacksonville. Eloquent response by the Grand Patron, Brother Geo. M. Robbins.

The address of Mayor Sebring was a most brilliant one, filled with the highest thoughts and showing earnestness throughout. His glowing tribute to womanhood, words of praise for the O. E. S., and remarks regarding the Masonic Fraternity were touching.

An address of welcome to delegates was given by Sister Mattie V. Rutherford, Worthy Matron, of Jacksonville Chapter, No. 15, Sister Orpha D. Bruce, Associate Grand Matron, responding.

Twenty-three Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Jurisdictions, near this Grand Chapter, were then presented and welcomed by Brother Henry W. Davis, Associate Grand Patron, Sister Marie S. Weeks, Past Grand Matron, responding. In her address, the Grand Matron says:

"The year has seemed short because my work has been a pleasure to me, and the pleasant things in life all seem to pass quickly."

She had a busy year, among other duties, putting in motion the machinery working toward the entertainment of the General Grand Chapter, which is to convene in Jacksonville in November, 1910. She recommends the Deputy Grand Matron system for Florida, giving seven good reasons therefor, but to carry out this recommendation would necessitate

a change in the Constitution, so it was not adopted. Grand Matron made forty-three official visits, finding the work in all a pleasure to see.

The Grand Patron, Geo. M. Robbins, reported dispensations granted for five new Chapters and the charters of three called in.

The Grand Secretary made a good report, with a number of good hints to Secretaries of Subordinate Chapters, regarding promptness, to-wit:

"What is done at once is sometimes a pleasure, while if delayed or put off for no apparent cause, becomes a duty and that duty a burden."

Active Chapters, thirty-one; number of Members, 1,130.

Grand Treasurer, Marie S. Weeks, reports $175 received for Home Fund, and a balance in treasury of $1,036.77.

The Grand Chaplain, Margaret L. Campbell, reports the Grand Chapter circle still unbroken by death. She says:

"Death should not be sad; is it not the entrance into a fuller spiritual life? Does not the soul go free from mortal pains and limitations to progression in a brighter realm?

"We do not pause long enough in our rush through life to develop our spiritual life. As Fenelow says, 'How rare it is to find a soul still enough to hear God speak.'"

Besides the Past Matron's Jewel, which was presented by the Associate Grand Matron, Sister Cora R. Franz, a profusion of flowers and other gifts were showered upon the outgoing and incoming Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons.

Jacksonville Chapter, No. 15, not only "welcomed the coming" but "sped the departing guest," by an excellent musical program on Tuesday night and a beautifully appointed banquet on Thursday night, after Grand Chapter closed.

The Fraternal Correspondent presented an interesting report, omitting Tennessee.

ORPHA D. BRUCE, Grand Matron.
HENRY W. DAVIS, Grand Patron.
ARTHUR H. CARTER, Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

EIGHTH ANNUAL, AMERICUS, MAY 18, 1909.

Grand Chapter was opened in full form by the Grand Matron, Mrs. Senie M. Hubbard and a full corps of Grand Officers. The usual addresses of welcome and responses were good. Grand Matron granted thirteen dispensations, one of which was to make annual dues fifty cents. She made three decisions, twenty official visits; most Chapters doing good work; recommends a fine of $2 for loss of secret work. Reports one Chapter reorganized, one Chapter surrendered its charter because they had no place to meet, the Masons refusing them the use of their new Temple (short-sighted Masons, they), one charter arrested, and seven Chapters instituted, and increased donations to Orphan's Home.

Grand Patron reports eighteen new Chapters. Americus Chapter exemplified the Ritualistic work and the Floral Addenda in a beautiful manner.

Fraternal Correspondent, Mrs. Jennie L. Newman, made brief reports.

SENIE M. HUBBARD, Grand Matron. (Re-elected.)

ARTHUR S. HARRIS, Grand Patron.

MRS. JENNIE L. NEWMAN, Grand Secretary.

IDAHO.

SEVENTH ANNUAL, IDAHO FALLS, JUNE 8, 1909.

The Grand Chapter was called to order by Brother J. E. McBurney, Grand Patron.

The Grand Matron, Sister Nella Lieuallen, filled five Grand offices by appointment. The usual addresses of welcome and responses were given.

The Grand Matron visited twenty-five Chapters, all but seven in the State, and found peace and harmony prevailing. In one Chapter, never before visited by a Grand Matron, one sister had come thirty miles to be present, and a brother had walked fourteen for the same purpose.

She appointed two District Deputies, ten Grand Representatives and recommended ten for like honors. She refused a dispensation to elect and install a Secretary, the one installed moving from the Jurisdiction. (Why?) Grand Matron made nine decisions, all of which were approved.

The Grand Patron instituted two new Chapters and was otherwise busy visiting Chapters and doing them good.

The Grand Matron and Grand Patron recommend the abolishment of the Grand Deputy system, which was adopted.

Grand Secretary reported net increase in membership, forty-six; total membership, 1,798; total in treasury, $718.99. A resolution to create a Grand Matron visiting fund by a ten cents per capita tax was carried.

The Grand Chapter was royally entertained by the city of Idaho Falls. The Masonic Lodge gave a reception. Commercial Club tendered the use of automobiles, which enabled the visitors to see the town and surrounding country.

The grand finale was a banquet given by Henrietta Chapter, when an orchestra, vocal music, toasts and good cheer made the occasion one long to be remembered.

MISS HARRIETT SMITH, Grand Matron.

JOHN F. HERR, Grand Patron.

MRS. MARY O'MELVENY, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL, CHICAGO, OCTOBER 5, 1909.

Grand Chapter opened in ample form by the Grand Matron, Sister Effie M. McKindley.

The address of welcome by Sister Amelia Huehl, Associate Grand Matron, and the response by Sister May Carlile, of Anna Chapter, were both models of fine sentiment, but space forbids quotations.

In her address, the Grand Matron says:

"The principles used in wireless telegraphy were known by the priests in the Himalaya Mountains centuries ago, and the principles of our Order were practiced by the ancients. It has been the work of the modern mind to gather up these principles and organize them into great forces, and it has made our Order a power for good, as it shows the true fraternal spirit in every State in the Union. It is essential to the growth, life and continuance of this Order that in charity and loving kindness, in helpful doing we keep up with the material progress of that which is around us and above us."

She issued three circular letters, installed officers of nineteen Chapters, appointed twelve Grand Representatives, inspected the Ritualistic work in 136 Chapters, and granted many dispensations.

This Grand Chapter has a Board of Examiners, which hold schools of instruction in the work, and upon the recommendation of which Board, the Grand Matron issued commissions as Grand Lecturers, upon twenty-six present and Past Matrons, who were sent to instruct the U. D. Chapters. The results have been so satisfactory, that the wisdom of the Grand Chapter in creating the Board of Grand Examiners is established without doubt.

The Grand Matron was made an "Honorary Member" in fifty-one Chapters. She made thirty-five decisions, all but one of which were approved, the one exception being referred to the incoming Jurisprudence Committee. A good testimony to the wisdom of Grand Matron.

In closing her address, she says:

"As we look back on the canvas of time the bright, good deeds become the woof while the unpleasant things are the warp which is lost to sight and thought in the bright coloring of the woof."

The Committee on Obituaries reported:

"Since our last session of one year ago, four hundred members of the Order in this Grand Jurisdiction, have answered the final summons and passed to the life beyond.

"We call them dead; and yet the good deeds they have done live always: the gentle influence of their lives shall never perish from our hearts; the tender memory of their kind words and patient ways is ever with us, prompting us to nobler deeds and better lives."

The Grand Patron, Brother Milton E. Robinson, reported a busy year, visiting sixty-five Chapters, with twenty-seven new ones to his credit, and was made an "Honorary Member" of eighteen Chapters. He has dis-

covered a number of weak places in the Constitution, and his suggestions being considered forcible and timely by the Jurisprudence Committee, they recommended that steps be taken to put them into effect, which was done.

This Grand Chapter has a membership of 50,911; number of active Chapters, 515, with twenty-nine awaiting charters. It has six Chapters with more than 500 members in each. The "Home" is valued at $32,-989.48. Amount raised for maintenance, $10,854.08, the same amount expended for current expenses and improvements, while the number of guests in the Home is twenty-nine. There is a Bank Committee, the object of which is to raise funds for the Home, who report $2,717.14. Would like to know more about their methods.

The Grand Treasurer, Sister Mary H. Goddard, reports: Total assets in treasury, $12,863.80. The Grand Chapter adopted a form of Ritual work which shall be the standard of work in Illinois. (Would be glad to know in what respect it differs from the work of other Grand Jurisdictions).

Numerous presentations were made to the Grand Matron, one of which was a beautiful silk American flag, "the prettiest national emblem ever unfurled to the breeze."

A Past Grand Matrons' and Patrons' Club was formed with Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, President. Fraternal Correspondent reviewed fifty-seven proceedings of forty-five Grand Jurisdictions. Spoke well of Tennessee.

The installation ceremonies were beautiful and impressive.

As Sister Huehl stood at the altar, after having received her charge and badge of office, twenty-five white-robed singers sang the benediction, "He shall give His Angels charge over Thee," and immediately after she was accorded the honors due her station. They sang again in triumphant strains, "Loyal hearts for you are beating."

AMELIA HUEHL, Grand Matron.
D. JOHN FORBES, Grand Patron.
NETTIE C. KENNER, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL, INDIANAPOLIS, APRIL 28, 1909.

Sister Pauline Summers, Grand Matron, opened the Grand Chapter of the State of Indiana, Order of the Eastern Star, in ample form, there being a constitutional number present. Many distinguished visitors were introduced and Past Grand Matrons and Patrons were given the Grand Honors.

There was no address of welcome and response in the program, but a most cordial welcome was given in the opening words of the Grand Matron's address. Space forbids quotations from this most excellent address.

She reported one link broken in the chain of Grand Officers.

Grand Matron appointed eighteen Grand Representaitves.

She accepted the appointment as Grand Representative of seven Grand Jurisdictions. Granted twenty-five dispensations; refused two; made 134 official visits; installed officers in eight Chapters; traveled 14,389 miles; wrote 1,567 letters. Reports Chapters doing good work and generally peace and harmony prevailed. Many courtesies were extended her and a great many beautiful souvenirs received.

Under the head of "Reflections" she gives some excellent advice to Subordinate Chapters. She made fifty-one decisions, all but three of which were concurred in. (Good showing.)

Brother Philip Zoercher, in behalf of the Indiana Eastern Star Home, brought into the Grand Chapter room a charter issued by the Secretary of State for the Indiana Eastern Star Home, and articles of incorporation, and contributed the first $100 given under the corporation, placing the draft with Sister Mamie Conrad, Secretary of the Board of Directors.

The Grand Patron, Robt. A. Woods, made a good address in which he says:

"What a magnificent standing army of love it is! Grander than all the helmeted hosts of history who swept through carnage to glory. No wild music of war. Only the quiet heroism of charity.

"Members of the Eastern Star, your mission will be ended only when rippling harvest of plenty fill all the granaries of want, and the sullen sea of trouble casts its last wave on life's wondrous shore; and in this heroic, never ending service, may each of you smooth out more wrinkles than you make on the foreheads of neighbors and friends."

Grand Patron constituted, by deputies, seven Chapters; granted dispensations for thirteen new Chapters; made several official visits; arrested several charters; recommends revision of Code, and roundly scores Matrons and Patrons who fail to do their duty.

Tennessee reviewed by Fraternal Correspondent.

Membership, 23,610; net gain, 1,105. Cash in treasury, $6,646.27; cash in Home Fund, $4,716.43.

Miss Louise Decker, Grand Matron.
Wm. B. Hale, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

Thirty-Second Annual, Sioux City, October 27, 1909.

Grand Chapter opened by the Grand Matron, Mrs. Bessie Bills, with every Grand Officer present. The welcoming addresses and responses were good, and would bear repeating, did space allow. Permit only this from Florence M. True:

"Shall not the Eastern Star in the coming years glean richer harvests? Let us emulate the husbandman, who, discontented with his former success, tills every inch of soil he possesses, plows deeper than ever before;

til's or irrigates his land as the case may be; buys improved machinery; pursues scientific methods and doubles the producing power of his farm.

"So may we dig into the hearts of our members with the plough of conviction and cause the sunshine of our love to shed its beams upon our labors three hundred and sixty-five days in the year; then our fields, watered by the breath of Heaven, shall increase their fruitage one hundred fold."

The Grand Matron contrasted the present encouraging session with the one thirty-one years ago, when the Grand Chapter was organized, with twelve sisters and brothers, saying:

"They did not yet have the support of the great body of Masonry. They were destitute, weak, but with the courage of the Spartans who held Thermopylæ, they withstood the hosts of the Persians which the Xerxes of opposition could bring against them; they held the pass, and the enemy did not, as at Thermopylæ, take to their ships and sail away across the sea; they have become our knights of chivalry. The masterly touch of the Brother's hand is seen in our Constitution and By-Laws; they have taught us promptness and dispatch and we gracefully acknowledge and appreciate the guidance of that body of Masonry that has stood the storm of ages."

She reports nine new Chapters constituted, eighty-five visits personally, and 300 by deputies, whose reports are encouraging.

She offered an amendment to the Code, providing for a Board of Custodians, consisting of three Past Grand Matrons, to serve three years, who shall have charge of the ritualistic work and act as examiners and instructors of the deputies at the schools of instruction.

The Grand Matron's choice of deputies to be based upon the result of the examinations. This measure was adopted.

The Grand Patron's address was lengthy, and evinced his intense interest in the Order, especially in the Home.

Grand Secretary reported four charters surrendered.

Total number of Chapters, 377; membership, 28,720; cash on hand, $17,515.

Treasurer of Home Board reported cash received, $9,666.

Committee on Appeals and Grievances had some work which apparently was satisfactorily done.

Brother W. H. Norris, Most Worthy Grand Patron, of the General Grand Chapter, is Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

Fifty pages are devoted to Fraternal Correspondence, which is ably conducted by Elizabeth A. Stuart, who gives Tennessee a page. Thanks.

Maggie Wiley, Grand Matron.
E. M. Willard, Grand Patron.
Maria Jackson, Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL, HUTCHISON, MAY 12, 1909.

Grand Chapter was opened in ample form by the Grand Matron, Sister May Crawford, with all the Grand Officers present.

A very charming address of welcome, in the name of the heroines of our Order, was given by Miss Imogene Pollock, Worthy Matron of the Local Chapter. The response by Sister Burke, Associate Grand Matron, was none the less beautiful.

Flowers were presented the Grand Officers, and a beautiful silk flag to the Grand Matron, which was used to drape the altar. Grand Matrons Miller, of Missouri, and Martin of Oklahoma, Wyatt, Grand Lecturer, and also Past Grand Matron, of Missouri, were introduced, presented in the East, given Grand Honors, and a most hearty welcome from the Grand Matron. Seventeen Grand Matrons and seven Past Grand Patrons were received with Grand Honors and a cordial welcome.

Ephriam A. Smith, niety-four years old, believed to be the oldest Eastern Star in the United States, was introduced and presented with beautiful carnations in most fitting words.

In memory of 179 sisters and brothers, a special memorial service prepared by the Grand Matron, was at her request, rendered by the Associate Grand Matron and the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.

Grand Matron issued forty-five dispsationens and visited 100 Chapters; rendered twenty-three decisions, and was the recipient of many honors and gifts. She attended the Grand Chapter of Missouri, on which occasion she vistied the Missouri Masonic Home and found it a model in every respect. She visited the Kansas Home at Withita, over which Brother and Sister Snedden preside in such a gracious and satisfactory manner. A picture of this beautiful Home graces the first pages of the proceedings. She says:

"To the Worthy Matrons of Subordinate Chapters: The necessary requirements of a Worthy Matron are wisdom, prudence, toleration, justice and truth.

"Your duty does not begin and end when you have simply presided with ritualistic correctness and perfection in the chair during the meetings of your Chapter. That is really the least of your duty. It behooves you to make yourself thoroughly familiar with the history, traditions and teachings of this Order. Why we do this work, as well as how to do it; to set examples of charity toward all; be kind, sympathetic and helpful; lighten the burden of all, and remember the members look to you to create an interest in your Chapter."

Grand Matron made eight recommendations. The Grand Patron, Thos. L. Bond, made an eloquent and poetical address, filled with wisdom, and reported six new Chapters instituted. $792.31 was received from the Chapters for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund; total receipts for the year, $7,430.43; balance, $3,562.84; membership, 19,589; net gain, 853.

Sister Snedden, the Matron of the Home, gives a lengthy report thereof, which is in every way encouraging. She also gives an account of her visits to three other Homes, one of which was our own at Nashville, "traveling thither with our President Taft," whose arrival created more enthusiasm than mine." As her criticisms may be of benefit to us, I quote from her:

"The house is built of red brick and has large rooms and lofty ceilings, but it is sadly lacking in all modern improvements. They had no furnace, water system, electricity or gas. This of course, means much discomfort and labor. There are forty-seven boys and forty-six girls; also twenty-six widows. The old brethren are not admitted. Twenty-three widows were young women with their children. The plan did not appeal to me, nor did the system of permitting them to change work every week. It makes the Matron's work very much harder than though they only changed once a month, or every three months.

"Brother and Sister Cranor are carrying on the work enthusiastically, and I could not help wishing their Board of Directors would lighten their burden by installing up-to-date methods, heating and lighting."

Before this goes into print, however, I doubt not the efforts of our Grand Matron Bishop will have resulted in electric lighting and other improvements. Many presentations of flowers and other more substantial gifts were made both to the retiring and incoming Grand Officers. The Fraternal Correspondent reviewed thirty-eight Grand Chapter proceedings, among which Tennessee received favorable mention.

Mrs. Minnie P. Burke, Grand Matron.
J. E. Humphrey, Grand Patron.
Della Bennett, Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

Tenth Annual, Monroe, June 10, 1909.

The Grand Chapter was called to order by the Grand Patron, A. J. Manheim. The Grand Matron, Lula H. Dortch having through the death of her husband, been called to leave the State, the gavel was assumed by the Associate Grand Matron, Eloise C. Balmer. The Grand Matron's report covered the time from June to February. She did some good work. Made some good decisions and recommendations which were approved.

The acting Grand Matron made five official visits and found Chapters in an encouraging condition, but "some cloudy ripples caused by the ballot," and "too much talk when in the presence of those not members of the Order."

The Grand Patron pays a touching tribute to the worth of Dr. Dortch, husband of the Grand Matron, who "was suddenly stricken just when manhood had reached its zenith and before the shadows had begun to fall. He had just reached the position in his profession where he was accounted a necessity and he was ever zealously found aiding in every movement looking toward the advancement of humanity."

He reports eleven new Chapters instituted, with a membership of 257.

The Grand Secretary makes a full and business-like report, including the adoption of the Card system for keeping her register of the Grand Chapter. She reports membership 3,029. In this Grand Chapter it is noted that the women take a more active part in the business proceedings than is usual. (Glad to see it.) A memorial service was held after which Louise L. Maguire Chapter of Monroe, exemplified the work in a most artistic manner. This Chapter also greeted the Grand Chapter with a reception on the eve of its convention, and dispensed refreshment after its close.

"Welcome the coming,
Speed the departing guest."

MRS. ELOISE C. BALMER, Grand Matron.
JOSEPH R. MATTHEWS, Grand Patron.
MARIA E. DUNCAN, Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL, LEWISTON, MAY 10, 1909.

The proceedings contain several pages at the beginning, devoted to a directory of towns where Chapters are located.

A list of officers of Subordinate Chapters.

A list of Past Matrons and Past Patrons.

A list of Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, and the Grand Officers and Grand Representatives.

A very convenient arrangement for anyone seeking information along these lines.

The Grand Matron, Mrs. Estelle Crawshaw, opened the Grand Chapter in ample form, with all Grand Officers present.

Distinguished guests received the Grand Honors, as follows: Sister Ella Simmons Washburn, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Lorraine J. Pitkins, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, M. Elizabeth Leach, Grand Ruth of General Grand Chapter, besides several Grand Officers from Massachusetts.

The Worthy Matron of Mt. Olivet Chapter, No. 29, of Lewiston, Mary A. Sears, thus addressed the Grand Chapter in her welcoming address:

"As Sir Launfal, after a life time spent in vain searching for the 'Holy Grail,' returned old, worn and homeless, to find that the true Knight is he who administers to the fallen brother at his side, so is our beautiful Order dedicated, to the highest, noblest and purest ideals of the heart. That we may supplement and help carry out the message of Him whose star we fol ow, that we may get closer to the lives and hearts of those around us, is the noble purpose for which we are banded together."

The Grand Matron paid a loving tribute to the deceased husband of the Grand Secretary and 142 brothers and sisters who, during the year, had been relieved of life's "weary load" quoting the following beautiful lines:

"The loved and lost, why do we call them lost?
Because we miss them from our outward road.
God's unseen angel o'er our pathway crost,
Looked on us all, and loving them the most,
Straightway relieved them from life's weary load."

"He bids us do the work that they laid down;
Take up the song when they broke off the strain.
So journeying till we reach the heavenly town,
Where are laid up our treasures and our crown,
And our lost loved ones will be found again."

She personally inspected forty-four Chapters, and, with few exceptions, found the Ritual work well rendered. She assisted in constituting and installed officers in seven Chapters; granted thirty-three dispensations, one to ballot at a special meeting; issued commissions to eighteen Grand Representatives. Her recommendations that members be allowed to "wear aprons" and that the Matron and Patron do not rise with the other officers, and that the Matron and Patron actually exchange chairs when she asks him to preside, were all approved.

(We find a different idea on these points prevailing in most other jurisdictions.) She endeavors to stop the custom prevailing of copying the secret work by members. This should certainly be prohibited.

The Grand Patron reports six Chapters constituted, three organized, saying:

"I realize that our field of labor having been so well looked after in the past, our growth in new Chapters must be smaller in years to come. Every city in our State now has a Chapter of the Eastern Star."

He recommended:

"That all the members present be not obliged to vote on applications for membership."

Not approved.

Grand Patron's decisions were all approved, one of which was "No" to card playing in Chapter room or ante-rooms.

The Grand Secretary, Annette H. Hooper, made a good and comprehensive report closing with loving words of appreciation for kindnesses received during her recent bereavement.

The election of officers took place on the afternoon of the first day's session, and in the evening the Ritual was exemplified by Mt. Olivet Chapter, of Lewiston, "in a most excellent manner, calling forth words of praise from all present." After this a reception was held with Nina V. A. Talbott (Tennessee's Representative) in charge of affairs, which merited great applause. The deputies reported 100 Chapters inspected, which,

with scarcely an exception, were doing excellent work. Number of Chapters, 149; membership, 15,242; gain for the year, 1,078. The Fraternal Correspondent, who is the Grand Secretary, gives a good and helpful report of Grand Chapters for 1908, which is not stinted in praise, closing thus:

"As a whole the proceedings for 1908 are excellent in quality. Quite a number of our Correspondents refrained from commenting or criticising, believing that a review is called for—'only this and nothing more'— but as a rule, we think people do not care to be fed on just one kind of cake, with no variation, although it may be 'angel' cake. We find that a little spice, and even a few plums, sometimes, are very palatable. Hence, we enjoy such Correspondents as Kansas, New York and a few others, and if they throw a plum at us we'll enjoy it if we catch it, and if they pass us a lemon we will not permit it to give us cramp pains, either. We must not permit ourselves to see but one light or think but one thought, no matter what our conditions and environments may be—there are others to think of. So,

"Whatever the weather may be; says he,
Whatever the weather may be,
It's the songs ye sing, and the smiles ye wear
That's a-making the sun shine everywhere."

CORA M. PUTNAM, Grand Matron.
ALBERT L. ATKINS, Grand Patron.
ANNETTE H. HOOPER, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL, BOSTON, MAY 13-14, 1909.

Grand Chapter opened in full form with a full corps of Grand Officers. The Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Ella S. Washburn and Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, were escorted to the East by a committee composed of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Massachusetts, where they were received by the Grand Matron and accorded the Grand Honors. Sixteen other distinguished guests from seven states were also present and invited to seats in the East. The Grand Matron, Sister Miriam Watts, extended a few words of welcome to the Grand Representatives and Past Grand Officers present, but no formal "welcome" and response were given. (This rather appeals to us, as so often the time thus taken at the beginning of a session is often badly needed at its close, when important business is often hurried through.)

The Grand Matron appointed twelve Deputies to assist in her work, and held a school of instruction which was pleasant, profitable and well attended. She made nine decisions, all approved. A fine of $5 was imposed for loss of Ritual and the loser required to pay also for new one. (Good.) She received honorary memberships, beautiful presents and was the honoree at three receptions. She personally inspected sixteen Chapters, which, with installations and other visits made a total of seventy-

four. The misuse of the blackball and desire for office seem to be two failings this Grand Matron had to contend with. Lack of proper instruction in the work impelled her to recommend "that this Grand Chapter create a committee to consist of three Past Grand Matrons and two Past Grand Patrons to be known as the Board of Control, whose duty it shall be to interpret the Ritual and Floor Chart."

This Grand Chapter requires that each Ritual and copy of the secret work bear the seal of the Chapter, the S. W. being in cipher, and the importance of taking special care of them is reiterated. The Grand Patron reports nine new Chapters formed, and sixty-five official visits made. The memorial service for 130 deceased members was conducted by the Grand Matron and Grand Patron and was very sweet and impressive. Grand Secretary, Isadore Forbes, reported "not one Chapter has ever been delinquent at the time my report was made to Grand Chapter." (Good.) Number of Chapters, 219; membership, 14,949. The Most Worthy Grand Matron made an address and urged the members of the Order to see to it that the Eastern Star should stand for something, reminding them that the Order will give back to them just what they put into it and recommending that further interest be stimulated in the matter of increasing the Order of Eastern Star Home Fund.

The Present and Past Worshipful Master of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Massachusetts, were present and spoke enthusiastically of the movement to establish a Masonic Home in Massachusetts, outlining the steps by which the project had assumed its present status, stating something of the financial prospects and assuring those present that the scope of the Masonic Home would be so broad as to *admit all relatives of Masons, however distant, who were dependent* upon a member of the brotherhood for maintenance. The work was beautifully rendered by Agawam Chapter, U. D. The installation of officers by Sister Washburn was followed by presentation of jewels by the Grand Secretary, to Past Grand Patron Sears, and to Past Grand Matron, Sister Watts.

Emma I. Baker, Grand Matron.
Alfred E. Wellington, Grand Patron.
Isadore Forbes, Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

Forty-Third Annual, Saginaw, October 13, 1909.

The Grand Chapter convened in Masonic Temple and was opened by the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Emma F. Lyon, with a full corps of officers present.

Sisters Margaret Jean Riley, of Ohio, Mazie Clark, of Connecticut, Ocobock and Washburn, of the General Grand Chapter, were introduced and accorded Grand Honors. Thirteen Past Grand Matrons and Patrons,

who were Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions, were introduced and given Grand Honors.

Sister Belle Herrig, of Saginaw, made an address of welcome, in which she recalled incidents connected with the organization of the Grand Chapter in Adrian forty-two years before, when sixty-nine delegates represented 800 members, comparing it with the 42,873 membership at present.

The response, an earnest and beautiful effort, was made by Sister Mamie Wakeman, of Paw Paw Chapter. The Worthy Grand Matron, in her address, paid a high and loving tribute to Past Grand Patrons Severance and Wright, who have been pillars of the Grand Chapter in the past, but have gone to the Great Beyond, followed by a beautiful memorial service for these grand brothers, after which a service for all deceased in the Grand Jurisdiction was held.

The Grand Matron constituted eight newly chartered Chapters, issued thirty-two dispensations to elect and install, and sixteen to remove charters, all without fee. She made a large number of visits among the Chapters, and reports excellent work done, harmony prevailing, and the kindliest spirit of hospitality everywhere in evidence.

There are twenty-eight county associations in the State. This Grand Jurisdiction has $8,315 invested as a Hospital Fund and $5,153.97 in the General Fund.

The thirty-one decisions rendered by the Grand Matron showed much wisdom and thorough knowledge of the law. We are sure she must have been in close touch with a good Masonic brother. The Worthy Grand Patron, Chas. Farr, expressed appreciation of the sympathy extended on the illness and death of his wife. He organized seven new Chapters.

Grand Treasurer reported total receipts for the year, $18,887.

The degrees were conferred upon two candidates by the officers of the Grand Chapter, in such an excellent manner, as to call forth unstinted praise from the Worthy Grand Matron.

The Masonic Home Board reported sixty beneficiaries in the Home, of whom forty-four were men and sixteen women, the average age being seventy-seven.

The Grand Chapter adopted a resolution to do all in their power, at next session of General Grand Chapter, to amend Art VI, Sec. 1, which gives General Grand Chapter sovereignty over the "Government of the Order."

Many beautiful gifts and flowers were exchanged, notable among which was presented to the incoming Grand Matron, by Sister Florence Babbett—namely—"a silver jewel, which had belonged to the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry." It was the jewel of the first Grand Worthy President, and bears value as a relic of the early history of our Order. The beautiful memorial service, the work of Sister Alvira Atwood, is placed on sale, the proceeds to be used for a memorial tablet for Brother Allen S. Wright, to be placed in the Masonic Home.

Sister Franc E. Gardner, Fraternal Correspondent, gives a good review of other proceedings, including Tennessee. Next meeting will be held in Lansing, October, 1910.

CLARA E. C. ELDRIDGE, Grand Matron.
ROBERT A. LENHARDT, Grand Patron.
EVA SPRAGUE GOODRICH, Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL, MINNEAPOLIS, MAY 12–13, 1909.

The opening of this Grand Chapter was preceded the night previous by a brilliant reception tendered the Grand Officers and delegates, by Palestine Chapter, No. 112. At the opening session the Grand Matron, Mary T. Molyneaux, presided, with two Grand Officers absent. In the address of welcome, Sister Etta Ronald, said:

"The ideals of our Order are so high as to seem almost beyond our reach, but our peace and happiness depend, in a great measure, on how hard we strive to attain them; and let us remember that 'the aim, if reached or not, makes great the life.'"

The Grand Matron bade the new members remember "This session is your session; our work is your work." The Grand Matron redistricted the State, and the year book contains a map of the State, as prepared by her, showing the cities and towns where Chapters are located, with the districts and railroads, which cannot fail to be a great help to official visitors. She made sixteen decisions, all of which were approved. In Minnesota an applicant elected to receive the degrees and duly notified, deciding not to join the Order, forfeits the fee. (Not so in Tennessee.) Grand Matron defied the law and allowed a Chapter to open without the presence of a brother, and recommended a change in laws to cancel the words "One of whom must be a Brother." Her reasons sound sane to us, but the recommendation was lost. However, the Chapter in question is reported to be in a prosperous condition.

The Grand Matron has a heart to heart talk with her constituents, dwelling upon the necessity of members adopting the principles of the Order into their lives, and especially upon the baneful effects of *Electioneering*, which seems to be a besetting sin among them.

The Grand Patron, Elmer C. Patterson, reports two new Chapters. He urges that members acquaint themselves with signs and passes, and recounts several instances where they were used beneficially.

The Grand Secretary, Mary C. Taylor, gives a resume of the work of General Grand Chapter, as well as of Minnesota, during the years since the organization in 1878. The latter has grown from six to 170 Chapters. Membership from 364 to 13,341. This Grand Chapter has a balance of $3,643.85, with $6,000 invested in bonds for Home Fund.

A beautiful memorial service prepared by the Grand Matron was rendered in commemoration of 114 sisters and brothers.

Tennessee is accorded two pages of favorable mention by the Fraternal Correspondent, Flora Adams Pattee. Thanks.

MARY T. MOLYNEAUX, Grand Matron.
MALCOLM J. ALDRICH, Grand Patron.
MARY C. TAYLOR, Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

THIRD ANNUAL, MERIDIAN, MAY 26, 1909.

Grand Matron, Sister Daisy Harrison, presiding.

The usual addresses of welcome and response were short and to the point. After warm words of welcome from Grand Matron, the following distinguished guests were accorded the Grand Honors and seated in the East: Mrs. Mary Sneddens, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter; Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart, Past Grand Matron of Iowa; Mrs. Mattie Davis, Past Grand Matron of Mississippi; Mr. O. L. McKay, Past Grand Patron of Mississippi. Fraternal greetings were extended the Grand Commandery then in session, which were responded to by the Eminent Grand Commander, through a corps of Sir Knights in full dress uniform. The Grand Matron was no less busy than others in her station. She rendered eleven decisions, all approved. Made twenty-two official visits, and reports conditions favorable and encouraging, but Ritual in evidence too much. An event of the year was the opening of the "Home" for the reception of widows and orphans, the Order of Eastern Star having rendered substantial aid. The Grand Patron, J. P. Wilder, presents an encouraging address, having instituted twelve new Chapters. The following resolution was passed:

"*Resolved*, That all Past Grand Masters of Masons of Mississippi, whether actual or honorary, who are members of this Order in good standing, be and are hereby made members of this Grand Chapter with the title of Honorary Past Grand Patrons."

The honor was later conferred upon four brothers. Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mary C. Snedden, of Wichita, Kansas, was voted an honary life member of Grand Chapter of Mississippi.

Sister Snedden showed her appreciation of the honors bestowed, in her own "true as steel style," and in closing besought the Representatives to carry this thought home to each of their Chapters. "There can be no interest without an object. If you would make your Chapters live, working bodies have an object, something to accomplish and you do not have to look far to find it—The Masonic Home at Meridian." The work was exemplified in a manner highly satisfactory to the Grand Officers,

members and visitors. Meridian Chapter sustained their reputation for perfect work. The sweetest of music by a concealed orchestra added much to the beauty of the ceremonies.

The Grand Chapter heartily indorsed "Star Light" the Order of Eastern Star publication.

Tennessee is not mentioned by Fraternal Correspondent. Total membership, 2,252; in treasury, $450.44; in Home Fund, $1,086.85.

The social features of this session were emphasized in reception, luncheons and ball, and the members recall it as "the best yet."

Myra G. Eaton, Grand Matron.
J. D. Meadows, Grand Patron.
Mollie P. Allen, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

Thirty-Fifth Annual, St. Joseph, September 30, 1909.

In the absence of the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Lillian R. Miller, who was ill, the Grand Chapter was opened by Mrs. Emma Dale Scott, Associate Grand Matron, who also responded to the address of welcome extended by Past Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. John R. Broder. Both these addresses are models in their line. The Grand Matron's address was read by Dr. A. B. Miller, and was brief as could be considering the magnitude of the work in this Grand Chapter of 18,000 members.

She reported twenty-eight Chapters constituted; granted sixty-two special dispensations, four of which were to re-ballot; refused sixteen requests to re-ballot. (Wonder why reballoting is in such demand in Missouri. They seem to want you to "show me" more than once). She answered more than 300 questions, only eighteen of which are recorded. Regarding a weak Chapter, she says:

"I believe this visit to Rockport Chapter will prove one of the most profitable of my year's work, and I am sure they needed a tonic more than a shroud. In fact, after a year of close study of the conditions existing in many of the Chapters of the State, I am thoroughly convinced that it would be far wiser for the Grand Officers to spend more time assisting crippled Chapters to efficiency and prosperity, rather than in a strenuous effort to organize new Chapters."

The same will apply elsewhere. The Masonic Home property is valued at $250,000, endowment $115,000, and the Grand Matron says it will soon be inadequate to meet the demands. But why?—we ask—in the rich State of Missouri are there so many needy ones? However, we admit the following from the Grand Matron, to be true:

"Sisters and brothers, we should not look upon this Home as a burden; the poor are a blessing to us, benevolence grows only in the exercise of benevolence, otherwise, it withers and perishes."

The Grand Matron's address is full of helpful sentiments, but space forbids further gleanings.

The Grand Patron, Geo. W. Lougan, reports six new Chapters, with the outlook favorable for twenty-two others, which floods and drought prevented his culminating.

Grand Secretary, Mary Jean White, reported eleven Chapters, with more than 200 members each.

The Grand Lecturer, Genevieve F. Wyatt, reported about one hundred schools of instruction held, with conditions of the work improving.

The majority of the Deputies in fifty-five districts report favorable conditions.

Twenty-two Past Grand Matrons and Patrons were accorded Grand Honors.

The Grand Matron, Lillian Miller, was presented wth ia gavel, which was to be her own after use in the Grand Chapter.

Honorary membership was bestowed upon Mrs. Minnie Burke, Worthy Grand Matron of Kansas, and Mrs. Elizabeth Reeder, Past Worthy Grand Matron of Kansas.

Report shows 574 suspended for nonpayment of dues.

The Home Board made a full report, showing great interest taken by the Chapters and individuals in the comfort of the "Home"family

Tennessee receives a page from the Fraternal Correspondent, Sallie E. Dillon, Past Grand Matron.

Mrs. Emma Dale Scott, Worthy Grand Matron.
Rev. James M. Boon, Worthy Grand Patron.
Miss Mary Jean White, Grand Secretary.

MONTANA.

Twentieth Annual, Butte, September 16, 1909.

Grand Chapter was opened in ample form by the Grand Matron, Mrs. Elizabeth Woody, at 8 o'clock, P. M. Eight Past Grand Matrons and the same number of Past Grand Patrons were received in the East with Grand Honors. Grand Chapter called off to attend a banquet tendered by a local Chapter, which was a great success. The following morning the address of welcome was given by Sister Florence Fales, and the response given by the Associate Grand Matron, Sister Thompson. The address to the Representatives, by Sister Tona Kenyon, and the response by Edna L. Hedges were well received.

The address of the Grand Matron is worthy of quotation, but we will use only this:

"As the farmer, through his successes and his failures, learns better how to prepare his soil and select his seed, so may we from our past experiences improve and build better in the future, never losing sight of the object for which this Order was established, ever mindful of the cry of the orphan, the needs of the sorrowful and distressed, doing whatever we find to do, to His honor, remembering that His all-seeing eye is ever upon us."

She made thirteen decisions, one of which we cannot concur in, viz.: "There is nothing improper in the Conductress and Associate Conductress wearing college caps during Chapter meetings."

It was referred, however, by Jurisprudence Committee to the Grand Chapter without comment and we find no report of action upon it. The Grand Matron made eight official visits, which she reports fully and satisfactorily. In the absence of the Grand Patron, his address was read by the acting Grand Patron.

The Associate Grand Matron, who acted for Grand Matron during a part of the year, showed she had not been idle. Numerous and beautiful were the presentations made. Tennessee is given a page by the Fraternal Correspondent, Elva Boardman. Thanks.

Membership, 3,597; Chapters, forty.

Mrs. Willie A. Thompson, Grand Matron.
Edward O. Lewis, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Elva Boardman, Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

Thirty-Fourth Annual, Lincoln, May 4, 1909.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form by Sister Marie Aplan, Grand Matron.

Distinguished guests present, Sister Grace W. Goodwin, Grand Matron of Wyoming; Sister Sarah Lehman, Grand Martha, of Kansas. These guests were welcomed by the Grand Matron, conducted to the Grand East and saluted with Honors. Fifteen Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons were then presented and saluted with Grand Honors.

Sister Aplan welcomed these sisters and brothers most cordially, assuring them that it was especially to them that the success of our Grand Chapter is due.

More than four pages of proceedings are filled with addresses of welcome and responses, all of which are good. "For good and sufficient reasons," the Grand Matron issued six special dispensations to ballot before the four weeks had expired. The reasons were not given, but were approved on recommendation of Committee on Distribution. This decision of the Worthy Grand Matron.

"Is it necessary that a brother be one of the two who recommend as petitioner?" Answer, "No," was not approved. Her recommendations were not acted upon. She made fifty-two official visits, the Grand Patron made eight, and the District Deputies fifty-six, leaving fifty-four Chapters not receiving an official call. In some instances, there were no funds to pay expenses, in some, dates could not be arranged, and some have none but the Grand Matron.

Plans were blocked by lack of promptness, some Chapters were hampered by lack of equipment (too low fees). In one Chapter fees for men were higher than for women.

The general outlook is encouraging.

The Past Grand Matrons and Patrons give $5 each for furnishing a room in the Home.

In memory of deceased members, the funeral ceremony according to our Ritual, was given by the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. The ceremony was very beautiful and impressive. Sister Musselman deposited a huge bouquet on the memorial shrine in memory of departed Past Grand Patron, Henry Turton.

The Grand Patron, Henry F. Alverson, in his address, says:

"We need higher ideals. It is the cup of water for the thirsty, food for the hungry, clothing for the poorly clad, fuel for the cold and freezing, the Home for the homeless, flowers for the sick, sympathy for the sorrowing, and the lifting of the burden for the weary that determines your ideals. The ideal member is the one who is actually doing something along these lines to assist needy sisters and brothers."

Seven new Chapters came into life during this administration.

Tennessee gets half a page in Fraternal Correspondence; membership, 12,800; deficit in treasury, $900; balance in Home Fund, $1,562.42, which was used to purchase a loan secured by first mortgage on Nebraska or Iowa farm land. Numerous presentations were made, followed by installation.

Hattie M. Scott, Grand Matron.
D. E. Green, Grand Patron.
Anna C. Simpson, Grand Secretary.

NEVADA.

Fourth Annual, Carson City, June 10, 1909.

Grand Chapter opened in ample form by the Grand Matron, Sister Luella D. Butler.

The Grand Conductress presented Mrs. Jennie E. Matthews, of Iowa, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, and the Associate Grand Conductress presented Marie L. Coffin, of Nevada, Worthy Grand Warder of the General Grand Chapter.

On behalf of the Grand Chapter, the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Butler, extended them a hearty greeting and welcomed them to the Grand Chapter of Nevada. The visitors were then invited to the East and were given the Grand Honors.

In her response to the address of welcome, the Associate Grand Matron quotes these beautiful lines:

"The highest culture is to speak no ill,
The best reformer is the man whose eyes
Are quick to see all beauty and all worth,
And by his own discreet, well-ordered life,
Alone, reprove the erring. When

Thy gaze turns on thy soul, be most severe,
But when it falls upon a fellow-man,
Let kindliness control it; and refrain from that belittling censure that springs
From common lips, like weeds from marshy soil."

In her report the Grand Matron, says:

"Taking for my motto—these words—'For the Good of the Order'—and adhering strictly to the Ritual, and the Constitution, it has been my constant desire to serve you faithfully, trusting that I might be judged not alone by what I have accomplished, but by the sincerity of my efforts."

She visited eleven Chapters officially and reports the Chapters in good financial condition and in most cases secretaries' books well kept and the work well done. One Chapter she found repeating the obligation in concert, which she commended. She was the recipient of some beautiful souvenirs from nearly every Chapter. With the date of her official visit she sent a form for introduction of visitors, which was adopted by Grand Chapter and printed in the proceedings. She recommends that the secret work in cipher be adopted, which was approved.

The Grand Patron, W. C. Gallagher, presented a short report. No new Chapters.

Tennessee has mention by Fraternal Correspondent, Olive C. Stewart.

The retiring Grand Matron presented the Grand Matron a beautiful Grand Matron's sash, as a token of her love for the Order.

Membership, 1,284; Chapters, 15.

Josephine Gosse, Grand Matron.
H. P. Golding, Grand Patron.
Anna H. Wardin, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Nineteenth Annual, Concord, September 1, 1909.

The pleasant faces of Sister Alice J. Mitchell, Grand Matron, and Dr. Walter Tuttle, Grand Patron, greet us when we open the proceedings.

The Grand Chapter opened in full form, the above Grand Officers presiding, with the roster of Grand Officers complete, with one exception.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Lilias O. Foster, Past Matron, of Themis Chapter, No. 8, and the response by Mrs. Lula Morris, Associate Grand Matron. The following distinguished guests were honored: Grand Conductress and Past Grand Patron, of Vermont; Sister and Brother Weeks; Past Grand Matron, of Massachusetts, Sister Watts; Associate Grand Matron, of Massachusetts, Sister Colby.

The Grand Matron, Sister Mitchell, said:

"It may be truthfully said of our convocations that, in spirit, some of them have been held in Concord. Nevertheless, this is the first time since its organization that its sessions have been held in the city of Concord, the capital city of beloved 'Granite State.' The very name suggests harmony, peace, good will and other kindred principles of our Order. Its mention encourages great hope, long cherished, that our session here may awaken present interest into future enthusiasm, so that a Chapter of the Eastern Star may, ere long, be instituted here, and its light shine undimmed throughout the entire State—a star—a beacon—a hearthfire.'"

It is very gratifying to the Grand Matron to be able to report the present prosperous condition of the forty-five Chapters of the Eastern Star of New Hampshire. She installed the officers in seven Chapters; made forty-four official visits; granted twenty special dispensations; reported liberal response to her call to assist in maintaining the Home at Manchester, where seven aged and infirm Masonic sisters dwell in comfort and peace.

The Grand Patron, Dr. Tuttle, was more active than many Patrons, his duties covering installations, institutions, By-Laws approved, and attending social functions. He recommended that Grand Officers serve two years, thus giving them longer time to become familiar with their work. Not approved, however, by the Grand Chapter.

Grand Chaplain reports twenty-six Chapters visited by the Grim Reaper during the year.

Grand Secretary, Bessie P. Norris, reports total membership 5,226 in forty-five Chapters; cash in treasury $2,352.30.

Fraternal Correspondent gives Tennessee a page, reviewing the proceedings of 1908. Would it not be better if we could bring our reviews more nearly to date?

Mrs. Lulu J. Morris, Grand Matron.
Mr. Clarence M. Collins, Grand Patron.
Bessie P. Norris, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

Fortieth Annual, New York City, October 12, 1909.

After the roll call of officers the Grand Chapter was declared open. Mrs. Louisa Emmerson, Worthy Grand Matron, presiding, the list of officers containing Grand Lecturer, two Grand Chaplains, Grand Historian and Right Worthy President, Hall and Home Association. The Grand Officers bearing the titles of the officers of the General Grand Chapter.

The Grand Matron welcomed the delegates, representing 343 Chapters, and the response was made by the Associate Grand Matron, Sarah M. Babcock. The Grand Matron reported conditions throughout the Grand Jurisdiction as cheering and gratifying. She visited officially every district

of the State. Reports twenty-seven Chapters constituted and twenty-nine organized. Special dispensations granted 261, granted twenty-nine waivers of jurisdiction. She enumerates nine decisions, all of which are good. She reports her visit to the Home as satisfactory, finding it in a prosperous condition and a monument to the Order of the Eastern Star.

The Grand Secretary, Rebecca Niner, reports: Number of Chapters, 386; membership, 34,875; balance in treasury, $8,167.22. Fine pictures of the Grand Matron, Patron and Secretary adorn the pages, together with a group of officers for 1908–9, and the Eastern Star Home.

The report of Necrology contains a brief history of each departed member.

The Grievance Committee had some affairs to settle, in which the action of the Grand Matron were sustained and approved by the Grand Chapter. Many beautiful gifts were bestowed upon those who had guided the Order of Eastern Star ship so successfully, as well as upon the incoming officers.

Tennessee for 1909 receives half a page at the hands of the Fraternal Correspondent, P. N. Putnam.

SARAH M. BABCOCK, Grand Matron.
JOHN DARRELL NICOL, Grand Patron.
REBECCA NINER, Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

FOURTH ANNUAL, GREENSBORO, JUNE 8, 1909.

The Grand Chapter was opened by Mrs. Claire E. Medcalf, Grand Matron, and the address of welcome given by L. M. Clymer, Grand Secretary, responded to by Mrs. Jennie G. Travis, Associate Grand Matron.

The Grand Matron's address is a summary of her official acts, closing with this pertinent suggestion:

"That no one be sent out to institute a Chapter who is not thoroughly conversant with, and able to give instruction in the work."

She issued seven dispensations, made ten decisions, issued six circular letters, and made many visits.

The Grand Patron, Brother Woodbury, reports twelve new Chapters. The Grand Matron and Patron were presented with jewels.

Number of Chapters, 47; members, 1,406.

Fraternal Correspondent, L. M. Clymer, says:

"Many good wishes for Tennessee. I would like to follow a lot of the work done in that Jurisdiction."

Thanks.

MRS. JENNIE OUTLAW, Grand Matron.
G. R. CALVERT, Grand Patron.
L. M. CLYMER, Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL, GRAND FORKS, JUNE 24, 1909.

Grand Chapter opened in ample form.

The address of welcome given by Miss Jennie Nisbet and response by Rosa Baker, Associate Grand Matron, were in the usual vein.

The Grand Matron, Ella H. D. Stack, made a good address, showing thirty official visits, covering 2,636 miles, granted six dispensations to elect and install, and refused three to ballot before two weeks required by law had elapsed. Her decisions, six in number, were correct.

Grand Patron, D. F. Siegfried, constituted three Chapters and instituted four.

The Grand Chaplain feelingly pays tribute to thirty-five deceased members, affecting twenty-six Chapters.

The Grand Chapter exemplified the work upon two candidates.

The Fraternal Correspondent's review covers the proceedings of forty-two Chapters, of which Tennessee receives favorable mention.

Number of Chapters, 63; membership, 4,439.

ROSA BAKER, Grand Matron.
O. D. PURINTON, Grand Patron.
FLORENCE M. HOSKINS, Grand Secretary.

OKALAHOMA.

SEVENTH ANNUAL, GUTHRIE, FEBRUARY 11, 1909.

The Grand Chapter was opened in form by the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Anna Johnston Wade, with a full corps of Grand Officers.

Many distinguished visitors were accorded the honors fitting their stations, the guests of honor being Sisters Lorraine J. Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary; M. Alice Miller, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron; Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, Most Worthy Grand Matron.

The Grand Matron's report included the marriage of three of her Grand Officers.

She made eleven legal decisions. She and her deputies made thirty-one official visits. She issued five circular letters, and though ill in the hospital a part of the year, was able to conduct the affairs of the Grand Chapter wisely and well.

Grand Patron, W. E. Gilpin, reported fourteen new Chapters. Total number of Chapters, 102; membership, 5,183; cash in treasury, $2,398.46.

A committee appointed on Plans and Arrangements for Amalgamation with Grand Chapter of Indian Territory, reported plans which were adopted.

It was moved by Brother Eagleton, duly seconded and carried unanimously that "upon the adjournment of the Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star of Oklahoma, to-night, that said adjournment should be without

date and the members of this Grand Chapter shall go immediately into convention with the members of the Order of Eastern Star, of the Indian Territory Jurisdiction, for the purpose of forming the Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star, of the State of Oklahoma."

The Grand Chapter of Indian Territory, in reconvened session, in an adjoining hall, were tendered greetings and an invitation to enter the Chapter room, which they did, being welcomed by Sister M. Alice Miller. This was a unique and unparalleled occasion in the Fraternal world.

The Grand Chapter was declared closed by the Grand Matron for the purpose of going into convention with the Grand Chapter of Indian Territory to form the Grand Chapter of the State of Oklahoma.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

First Annual, Guthrie, February 12, 1909.

In pursuance to a call from a joint committee to all Chapters in the jurisdiction of Oklahoma, the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, called the convention to order at nine o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of organizing the "Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Oklahoma," as provided for by the Grand Chapters of Indian Territory and Oklahoma in executive session assembled.

Prayer by Brother Laverty.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, was appointed Secretary of the convention, Mrs. Kitty Lee McClain being appointed assistant.

A communication from the Most Worthy Grand Patron was read, which appointed the Most Worthy Grand Matron his deputy to act for him in the organization of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron then announced that she would proceed with the organization of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, which was done.

After appointment of committees, Grand Chapter was called to celebrate the centenary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, thirty minutes being devoted to an appropriate service in memory of the birth of this great American, and to the birth of the Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star of the State of Oklahoma. This memorial service was a most inspiring occasion, which ended with hundreds of voices singing "America."

Sisters Washburn and Pitkin were elected Honorary members of this Grand Chapter. Sister Washburn requested the privilege of presenting the Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star of the State of Oklahoma with a new gavel which she would bring from Honolulu.

Number of Chapters, 213; membership, 11,091.

The Fraternal Correspondent, Mrs. P. M. L. Ray, is outspoken in her criticisms of Grand Chapters hoarding money. Gives Tennessee two pages of kindly mention.

ADA T. MARTIN, Grand Matron.
JOHN G. LINDSEY, Grand Patron.
KITTY LEE MCCLAIN, Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL, CINCINNATI, OCTOBER 26, 1909.

Grand Chapter opened by the Grand Matron, Icedore H. Kauffman, with all Grand Officers present.

Sister Washburn, being present, was welcomed in most charming language by the Grand Matron presenting the gavel, was accorded the Grand Honors and presented in the East. Willis D. Engle, Sisters Pitkin and Ransford were also presented in the East and given Grand Honors.

The representatives were welcomed in behalf of the city by Mayor John Galvin; response was made by both the Grand Matron and Grand Patron. A welcome in behalf of the local Chapters was given by Emma Laurence, responded to by Associate Grand Matron, Arra B. Jacobs and Miss Melida Ough.

Fourteen Past Grand Matrons and Patrons responded to roll call, were escorted to the East and given Grand Honors.

The address of the Grand Matron was a model of eloquence and wisdom. She appointed twenty-one district deputies through whom, and her own official visits, she came in contact with every Chapter in the State except two.

She issued 101 special dispensations, refused one, appointed fourteen Grand Representatives and recommended a like number for appointment.

She visited the Masonic Home and Hospital and signed warrants for $5,000 to be used in improvements. Was made an Honorary member of ten Chapters. Made nineteen decisions, installed the officers in seven Chapters.

She made recommendations for a book of instructions for Chapters, and that *no one* be sent out to institute a Chapter, who is not conversant with the work. (We believe negligence along this line is the cause of so many poor, weak, half-hearted Chapters.)

The Grand Patron, Robert T. Izant, reports twenty-two new Chapters organized.

The faces of the Grand Matron and Patron, also Past and Present Grand Treasurer, Sisters Penn and Walton, look pleasantly out from the front pages of the proceedings.

Membership, 24,619.

Total in treasury, $9,580.22

From this Grand Chapter 174 have entered the City not made with hands.

Numerous presentations, including jewels, were made.
Fraternal Correspondent briefly reviews fifty-five proceedings.
Mrs. Abra B. Jacobs, Grand Matron.
Winfield J. Newhard, Grand Patron.
Janette S. May, Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

Twentieth Annual, Portland, June 14, 1909.

Monday evening, June 14, preceding the annual session of the Grand Chapter, a reception was tendered the delegates and members of the Order by the Grand Chapter. Arrangements for this entertainment had been made by the Portland Chapters, and an excellent program, consisting of vocal solos and a reading, delighted the large audience. Cards and dancing also afforded amusement, and the opportunity of renewing old friendships and making new friends added greatly to the pleasure of the evening. (Thus ever the breezy West.)

The Grand Chapter was called to order by the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George W. Stapleton.

The Worthy Grand Matron was escorted to the East and saluted with the Grand Honors.

The usual addresses of welcome and responses were given. The Grand Matron, Sister Jennie E. Reames, made a good report, proving her year well spent. She installed the officers of eight Chapters, five being in a joint installation, and instituted one Chapter, to which she gave the name "Nevita," meaning Divinely protected. Her recommendation that a book of instructions on correct manner of doing the work, for the use of Subordinate Chapters, was approved; she visited thirty Chapters officially. In a circular letter she says:

"Unless the officers thoroughly memorize the work and make themselves familiar with their duties, they are not fulfilling the obligation of their office." (Truth)

Grand Patron, G. W. Stapleton, reports two new Chapters. He made five recommendations, none of which were adopted.

Greetings were extended to the Grand Lodge then in session. The work was exemplified by the officers of Grand Chapter, followed by the Floral Addenda and a drill specially prepared by a local Chapter.

Order of the Eastern Star Home Board reported $1,472.18 in treasury.

Tennessee receives a page and a half from the pen of the Fraternal Correspondent, Stella Kellogg Drake, whose fine face adorns a page of the proceedings. Almost one-half of the year book is devoted to report of Fraternal Correspondence.

Membership, 7,609; Chapters, 85; total in treasury, $3,810.

Antoinette Stiles, Grand Matron.
H. T. Bolls, Grand Patron.
Nellie McKinley, Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL, WARREN, JUNE, 1909.

The Grand Secretary having reported a constitutional number of Chapters represented, the Worthy Grand Matron proceeded to open the Grand Chapter in full form, the proclamation being made by the Grand Marshal.

Etta E. Davis, Grand Matron, instituted twelve Chapters; rendered thirty-one decisions; granted seventy-five dispensations, and refused five; made seven visitations; extended illness prevented further visits. She recommended the proceedings be read in open Chapter for the benefit of members.

Grand Patron, Ed W. Salter, reports twelve new Chapters.

Sister Ella S. Washburn and Lorraine J. Pitkin and Abbie E. Krebbs were voted Honorary members of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. The state of the Order in this Grand Jurisdiction did not receive much mention, the social features having most prominent place in the reports.

Total membership, 7,288; in treasury, $1,856.40.

BERTHA C. KIBLER, Grand Matron.
JOHN B. MARTIN, Grand Patron.
RATA A. MILLS, Grand Secretary.

SCOTLAND.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland met in fifth annual general meeting in Royal Arch Mason's Hall, Edinburg, March 20, 1909. Grand Matron, Margaret L. Keith, opened the Grand Chapter and gave the address of welcome. She then requested the Grand Patron to conduct the session. The officers are called "Office Bearers" and the Subordinate Chapters are called "Daughter Chapters."

Scotland sisters are either too modest or think the "lords of creation" need the experience in Order of the Eastern Star work, for we find a brother fills the place of Grand Secretary, Grand Warder, Fraternal Correspondents, and their spiritual needs are looked after by two more brothers acting as Grand Chaplain and Junior Grand Chaplain.

An explanation was made by Brother Alfred A. Murray, and unanimously agreed to by the Grand Chapter, regarding the receiving of Grand Representatives Commissions from Grand Chapters in America. Sixteen commissions were then presented and the Representatives named received a cordial welcome.

Following discussion it was decided that any member of the Order in good standing, sister or brother, is eligible for office in Grand Chapter, if duly elected thereto. A committee of twelve on regalia and diplomas was appointed, with full power to select and purchase, no member to submit designs.

Charters were granted three Chapters; four Chapters instituted; in all, twenty-three Chapters.

The Grand Matron presented a report of her official acts. She had granted several special dispensations, and for good and sufficient reasons, had refused two. With one exception, she had visited every Chapter; had found the meetings well attended, harmony and good feeling prevailing.

She said:

"There is that in the Order of the Eastern Star which speaks in tongues loud and unmistakable, and if we, the individual members, keep in our minds and practice in our lives the sublime lessons taught, we need have no fear for the future success of the Order of the Eastern Star."

Grand Secretary reported that the past year had been most successful: 458 members. The Grand Secretary's salary is 20 guineas.

MARGARET L. KEITH, Grand Matron.
JAMES D. GIBSON, Grand Patron.
GILBERT GUNN, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

SECOND ANNUAL, SPARTANSBURG, JUNE, 1909.

The frontispiece in this Grand Chapter Proceedings is a full page, containing the following distinguished women in a group: Mrs. Annie Lee Anderson, Grand Matron of South Carolina; Mrs. Senie M. Hubbard, Grand Matron of Georgia; Mrs. Abbie Krebbs, Past Grand Matron of California; Mrs. Emma Niel, Past Grand Conductress of Georgia; Mary P. Ousts, Past Grand Matron of South Carolina; Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter.

A brilliant reception was tendered the distinguished visitors and members of Grand Chapter by Tallulah Chapter, No. 16, on Monday evening, the 14th of June, at the Masonic Temple, in Spartansburg.

The hall was beautifully decoratd with growing plants and streamers of the five colors of the Order, that under the many electric lights made a veritable fairy-land of color and beauty.

A delightful program of music, vocal and instrumental was interspersed with conversation, and happiness reigned supreme. Delightful refreshments were served by the young people of Tallulah Chapter, all carrying out the color scheme of the Order.

Proud were all of this one-year-old Chapter, and her splendid refreshment was the forerunner of a most successful session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of South Carolina.

The Grand Chapter was called to order in the Masonic Hall in Spartansburg, South Carolina, by the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary P. Ousts, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Ella S. Washburn, and Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, the Grand Matron of Georgia; Sister Senie M. Hubbard, Past Grand Matron of California, and Sister Abbie E. Krebbs, were escorted to the East, where they were received by the Grand Matron and accorded the Grand Honors.

Mrs. Emma Neal, Past Grand Secretary, of Georgia, and J. L. Michie, Most Worshipful Grand Master, F. & A. M., of South Carolina, were presented and invited to seats in the East.

The address of welcome was responded to by W. L. R. Cahall, the Worthy Grand Patron, in part as follows:

"Fortunate is the man who is privileged to participate in a South Carolina welcome. It has the distinctive element which differentiates it from any other. It is rather like the Indian's pine tree which was so straight that it bent over the other way."

The Grand Matron's report proves that she has not been idle and that the good of the Order in her jurisdiction has uppermost thought. Among other things, she had printed and sent to Masonic Lodges the report of Grand Master J. L. Michie concerning the benefits Masonry has received from Order of the Eastern Star influence.

The Grand Patron, W. L. R. Cahall, took for his keynote "Orphanage Work," and urged it upon the members. Also urged upon them greater care in selecting material for membership in the Order. He organized ten new Chapters. Recommended greater regard for the sacredness and secrecy of the ballot.

Brief reviews of forty-six proceedings were made by the Fraternal Correspondent, Emma A. Spratt, Tennessee among the number.

Membership, 1,024.

Mrs. Annie Lee Anderson, Grand Matron.
D. A. G. Ouets, Grand Patron.
Ruth O. Brinkley, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Twenty-First Annual, Watertown, June 8, 1909.

Tuesday, June 8, 1909, 10 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Chapter was called to order by Grand Patron, A. M. McAllister, who instructed the Associate Grand Conductress to invite the Grand Matron and her Associate Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room.

The Grand Officers wore white as usual, with ribbons for all in their respective colors. They gave the "Opening March," going through the different changes with much credit to themselves. After forming the Cross in the East, the officers all stood with bowed heads while the quartette sang, "Rock of Ages Cleft for Me."

Twelve Past Grand Matrons and four Past Grand Patrons were accorded Grand Honors and welcomed by the Grand Patron.

The welcome address was by D. C. Thomas, of Vesta Chapter, and the response (six pages in the proceedings) by Mrs. Anna A. Lumley, Associate Grand Matron.

The address of the Grand Matron, Mrs. Belle S. Bell, had much of wisdom in it. She reported fifty-six deaths in the Grand Jurisdiction. Issued two circular letters in the interests of the Order of the Eastern Star Home, which was responded to liberally by the Chapters; granted twenty-two dispensations and refused four; made nineteen decisions, all approved. Recommended that an affiliation ceremony and a book of instruction be prepared, both of which were approved. Made a large number of official visits and reported very few Chapters were found where officers used the Ritual in the Chapter room. Enthusiasm and sincerity seemed to abound, and the kindness and courtesy shown on every hand, proved that the Order of the Eastern Star spirit leavened the whole.

The Chapters throughout this Grand Jurisdiction generally are in a prosperous condition, and with few exceptions, harmony seemed to be one of the leading features.

The Grand Patron constituted two Chapters, instituted eight, and made three official visits.

A comprehensive history of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota, from its beginning in 1889 to the present time, was given by Past Grand Matron, Mary Brown, which makes this year's proceedings a valuable copy. An original and ingenious poem, "An Eastern Star Dream," by Philip Lawrence, of Mizpah Chapter, occupies three pages. The Grand Matron and Patron were presented with jewels, and other handsome presentations were made.

The Past Grand Matrons and Patrons Association, with twenty-one present, had a banquet, which was a pleasant occasion.

Number of Chapters, 93. Cash in treasury, $3,979.89.

Fraternal Correspondent gives Tennessee two pages, which is appreciated.

Mrs. Anna A. Lumley, Grand Matron.
Mr. Herbert S. Fletcher, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Angie L. Williamson, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

Twenty Seventh Annual, El Paso, October 12, 1909.

The faces of the Grand Matron and Grand Patron, with groups of all the Grand Officers for 1909 and 1910, greet us from the pages of the proceedings of the largest State in the Union.

Grand Chapter was opened by the Grand Matron, Mrs. Fannie V. Ward, all Grand Officers, except two, being present. Sister Laura B. Hart, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, was escorted to the East and accorded the Grand Honors.

Hon. G. W. Sweeney, Mayor, delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the city.

Dr. Mattie I. Hill welcomed the Grand Chapter on behalf of Harmony Chapter, No. 244, to which response was eloquently made by Mrs. Dora Harmon, of Baird. She said:

"It is noticeable that under this administration, a greater number of Chapters have been organized in Texas than in all previous records of any jurisdiction in a single year throughout the entire world."

Sister Flora Penix welcomed the Grand Representatives, responded to by Sister Cora Posey.

The Grand Matron, Mrs. Fannie V. Ward, expressed deep regret, that owing to the magnificent distances lying between the Chapters, though she visited almost continuously from October to June, she was not able to visit every Chapter.

She speaks in highest terms of her visit to the Grand Chapter of Indian Territory, when it was consolidated with the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.

Her report shows her to have been one of the busiest of the Grand Matrons, showing prodigious physical as well as mental strength. She issued ninety-one dispensations; refused four. New Chapters organized seventy-eight. Wrote 4,000 letters.

The Grand Patron, Dr. C. H. Thorn, seems to have been more a figure-head than otherwise, as his report shows only social visits. Grand Treasurer, Amelia Huvelle, reports receipts, $14,513.39. Total in treasury, $25,568.71. Certificates of proficiency were given a large class by the Committee on Work. (These graduates to act as District Deputies.)

The Constitution and By-Laws were amended.

Among the pleasing features of this occasion were a reception and banquet, with music and readings.

Another pleasure provided was a "trolley ride" over the beautiful city, crossing the Rio Grande River into the historic city of Juarez, Mexico. Many visited the old cathedral and other places of interest.

Here, as well as in El Paso, every building was decorated with flags of their national color, in honor of the meeting of the two presidents, Diaz and Taft.

Tuesday night the Grand Officers exemplified the work. Complimentary remarks were heard on all sides, the March being especially beautiful.

Numerous beautiful presentations were made to those who had shown their interest by their work. Words of love and esteem accompanied these tributes.

CARRIE B. LANE, Grand Matron.
G. W. GLASSCOCK, Grand Patron.
CASSIE C. LEONARD, Grand Secretary.

UTAH.

FOURTH ANNUAL, OGDEN, MAY, 1909.

Grand Chapter was called to order by Sister Gertrude S. Hutton, Worthy Grand Matron, with all Grand Officers present.

Past Grand Matron, Altissa L. Scott, presented the Grand Chapter a beutiful gavel, saying:

"This gavel is carved from mahogany grown on the rugged mountains of the State, and mounted with silver, delved from the hearts of those mountains by brave men, many of whom are our brothers in the Order."

After the receptions of Past Grand Officers and addresses of welcome, the officers and members of the Queen Esther Chapter, of Ogden, served an elegant banquet to the visiting Grand Officers and members of the Order of the Eastern Star. The table was fragrant with lilacs and apple blossoms, and was arranged in the form of a maltese cross.

The Grand Matron made all the usual appointments and installed the officers of four new Chapters, whom she commended for their wisdom in selecting quality rather than quantity for their membership.

She very much favors the schools of instruction and is encouraged at the Order of the Eastern Star outlook in Utah.

The Worthy Patron, R. L. Conely, organized four new Chapters under very favorable circumstances and expects great and good things from them all.

The Ritualistic work was exemplified by the Grand Officers and beautifully done. Queen Esther Chapter gave an exemplification of the "vocal star" which was a credit. After closing of Grand Chapter, an elegant banquet was enjoyed.

FLORA E. SINCLAIR, Grand Matron.
WALTER SCOTT, Grand Patron.
FRANCES G. SHIELDS, Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL, BURLINGTON, JUNE 3, 1909.

The Grand Matron, Jessie L. Bigwood, presiding.

Among the honored guests were Sisters Washburn and Pitkin, of the General Grand Chapter, and Sister Abbie Krebs, Past Grand Matron, of California. Two Past Grand Patrons and seven Past Grand Matrons, of Vermont, were present and honored.

The Grand Patron's address precedes the Grand Matron's and in other respect she seems to usurp her rights, viz.: Appointing District Deputies, granting dispensations, making decisions, waivers, etc. Two new Chapters were instituted.

Grand Matron appointed forty-nine Grand Representatives, of which Tennessee is Mrs. Cynthia Malone, of Saulsbury. Visited four Chapters.

Number of Chapters, 52; membership, 5,770.

In Vermont the custom prevails of re-electing the presiding officer. This may keep some others from having the honor, but should result in greater knowledge and experience and ultimate good. A moonlight sail on Lake Champlain was a delightful feature.

MRS. GEO. F. LEONARD, Grand Matron.
DR. F. R. STODDARD, Grand Patron.
H. L. STILLSON, Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

FIFTH ANNUAL, RICHMOND, MAY 6, 1909.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form by the Grand Matron, Mrs. Ella M. Abrames, with seven Grand chairs filled pro tem.

Sisters Ella S. Washburn, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Lorraine J. Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, of the General Grand Chapter, with Past Grand Matrons of California and District of Columbia, and Past Grand Matrons and Patrons of Virginia, were honored.

A most eloquent address of welcome was given by Brother Frank M. Read, Worthy Patron of Mizpah Chapter, U. D., saying in part:

"Among the manifold evidences of the wonderful skill of the Great Architect of the Universe, none appeals, perhaps, more strongly to our senses than the beautiful firmament studded with stars whose brilliance sheds light upon the world when the sun is darkened.

"More beautiful, more brilliant and more significant of the loving kindness of our Father in Heaven, was the Star in the East which proclaimed the birth of a Saviour, whose life was a light that lightened our darkness and brought peace on earth, good will toward men. His advent was especially important to woman, for it emancipated her from what was practically slavery, until to-day in the bright light and Christian civilization of the Twentieth Century, 'the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world.'

"When Masonry was instituted woman was a mere slave and chattel, subject to the will of her lord and master. This is the reason, perhaps, why she was denied the privilege of becoming a Mason, but the spread of the gospel taught by Him who is the Light of the World, has changed all this, and to-day man is the slave, but he is bound by chains so soft and beautiful, that few desire freedom.

"To this historic city where the first building on the American continent, devoted exclusively to Masonry, was erected, and in whose halls such Masons as John Marshall, Edmund Randolph, Rev. John Blair, 'Parson' Henderson, figured prominently in the early history of this commonwealth and of these United States, and to this Grand Chapter of our beautiful sister Order, I bid you welcome."

The response by Sister Allie G. Oliver, Past Grand Matron, was equally good, but space forbids quotations.

The address of the Grand Matron, Sister Ella M. Abrames, shows her to be a business like and conscientious administrator of affairs.

She reports "no links missing in the chain of Grand Officers." She granted eight special dispensations, made twenty official visits, suspended the charter of one Chapter, and upheld the dignity of her office in no uncertain terms.

The Grand Patron being absent his address was read, showing five new Chapters instituted and an encouraging condition throughout the Order.

The Grand Chapter, like many others, is taking steps toward revising their constitution.

The Roster of Subordinate Chapters, shows: Six Chapters extinct; eight send no report. In the twenty reporting there is a membership of 977. In treasury, $467.84. No report from Fraternal Correspondent.

Mrs. Henrietta M. Barbour, Grand Matron.
John W. Kellam, Grand Patron.
Chas. A. Nesbitt, Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON.

Twenty-First Annual, Seattle, June 17, 1909.

The Grand Matron and her official staff of officers received informally at the Masonic and Eastern Star building at the A–Y–P Exposition, from 2 to 4. The rooms were decorated with beautiful roses, and each Grand Officer was presented with a bouquet.

The affair was largely attended and much enjoyed by the members who availed themselves of the privilege of a day at the fair, before the convening of the Grand Chapter.

During the reception a fine musical program was rendered which was followed by refreshments and a social hour enjoyed by all.

The Grand Matron, Julia. H. Van Patten, called the Grand Chapter to order and invited all Past Grand Officers to seats in the East.

On Thursday evening a reception and ball was tendered the visitors in this hall. The Grand Matron, Officers, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons were in the receiving line. Fifteen hundred sisters and brothers took advantage of the opportunity, and passed down the line, greeting each with a warm welcome.

On behalf of the eight Chapters in Seattle, Mrs. Estella Mendenhall, Worthy Matron of Myrtle Chapter, No. 48, welcomed the Grand Chapter to Seattle, saying in part:

"Our welcome to you to-day is as deep as the blue waters of the Sound skirting our city's border, as high as the fleecy clouds that kiss the tops of our snow-capped mountain, and as broad as the beautiful sunlight which shines on the great and small with equal warmth."

The Grand Matron did not over-step her authority in granting dispensations, her acts were approved, and her address given special com-

mendation by the Committee on Addresses. Visited thirty-two Chapters, but doubts whether the benefits to Chapters were worth the effort. Grand Patron instituted nine new Chapters and conferred the degrees in five.

There is a "Home Fund" of $8,526.93, well invested, but it is hoped the prosperous State of Washington will never have any "Stars" to thus provide for.

This Grand Chapter, in line with some others, is taking issue with the new Constitution adopted at the last session of General Grand Chapter, and we predict trouble ahead in General Grand Chapter. Eight pages devoted to the memory of deceased sisters and brothers; the Fraternal Correspondence by Emma P. Chadwick is most interesting reading; profitable as well. We regret that the writer feels called upon to resign the place she has held for several years. She shows a conscientious spirit of wanting to do justice to all with malice toward none. She says:

"It may be that some one will say that my efforts have not always been marked by that condescension that should exist between members of the Order in their social intercourse, but it must be remembered that a Correspondent must, if she contributes anything worth while to the Order, be a critic. Many things that would and perhaps should go unnoticed in the ordinary routine of the Chapter cannot be overlooked by the Correspondent. She is not paid to be polite, but to gather material for improvement in our own jurisdiction."

Tennessee for 1908 is interestingly reviewed.
Membership, 9,289; net gain, 1,036.

Mrs. Rose G. Ruth, Grand Matron.
J. H. Heasley, Grand Patron.
Libbie J. Demorest, Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Sixth Annual, Parkersburg, October 6, 1909.

Grand Chapter was called to order by the Grand Patron, C. R. Martin, and opened in regular form by the Matron, Mrs. Lucy Jacobs, with all Grand Officers present, except Grand Esther.

Two Past Grand Matrons and two Past Grand Patrons present.

The guest of honor was Mrs. Ella S. Washburn, who was accorded all the honors due her position. The address of welcome given by Sister E. May Ingersoll, Worthy Matron of Parkersburg Chapter, No. 14, was responded to by Mrs. Marie Sobanski, Associate Grand Matron.

Brother Aldis L. Davis, Associate Grand Patron, delivered the address to the Grand Representatives, which was responded to by Sister Sallie D. Kneeream, Grand Conductress. In her address the Grand Matron shows herself alive to her responsibilities, and an enthusiastic advocate of promptness and regularity in attendance at Chapter. During her five years membership she was only absent seven times. No wonder she has reached the highest office within the Grand Chapter.

She granted fourteen dispensations, two of which were to receive ballot and initiate same evening. (We wonder why such haste?)

Her recommendations "That Subordinate Chapters be opened on time" and "that the Grand Chapter shall not pay expenses of a Grand Officer or delegate who does not spend his or her entire time in the Chapter room during all the sessions" are to the point, and were approved. She made six official visits, felt disappointed that more had not been accomplished, yet had faith to believe that the seed sown would bear fruit.

The Grand Patron, C. R. Martin, reported five new Chapters and peace and harmony prevailing. He recommended that steps be taken toward a Home.

The work was exemplified in an excellent manner by Parkersburg Chapter, No. 14, after which our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Ella Simmons Washburn, gave a very interesting and instructive talk.

Her pleasing manner won for her the love and respect of all who had the good fortune to see and hear her.

Parkersburg Chapter was closed in regular form, after which they served a splendid banquet to about five hundred people, and a social hour was enjoyed by all.

Sister Washburn was elected an Honorary Member of this Grand Chapter and installed the Grand Officers.

Fraternal Correspondent gave brief review of Tennessee.

Membership, 2,365; cash in treasury, $1,521.43.

Mrs. Marie Sobanski, Grand Matron.
Aldis L. Davis, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Minerva C. Debendarfer, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

Nineteenth Annual, Milwaukee, February, 1909.

The Grand Chapter was opened in regular form, Sister Mina B. Glazier, Grand Matron, presiding.

The opening addresses were genuine and heartfelt. Eight Chapters were constituted and five instituted. The Worthy Matron found in her administration of the laws that in some cases they conflicted, causing inconvenience, but believing that the surest way to get a bad law repealed was to enforce it, she kept rigidly to the Code. All her acts were approved. Her visits to Chapters were helpful and inspiring; she does not recount them.

Grand Patron, Chas. H. Moore, granted dispensations to organize five new Chapters, and made some good recommendations in his address.

This Grand Chapter has a "Home Association" which is "guarded zealously and sacredly a fund of $5,293.70, investing it with greatest care in first-class real estate mortgages." In her report, the President of Home Association says:

"As no application for admission to the Home has been received, the disbursements for the year were for current expenses of the association only, amounting to $35.60, leaving in the treasury at the present time, $5,293.70. A few hundred dollars of this will be kept in the bank for emergencies and the remainder invested as heretofore stated."

We are constrained to ask why this hoarding for future generations who no doubt will be able, in the great and wealthy State of Wisconsin, to provide for their needy ones themselves.

Wisconsin changed from the deputy system of visitation to that of Grand Lecturer, and Helen W. Monahan, reports:

"Eighty-six Chapters received the benefits of the inspection, and in many cases officers and members from other Chapters attended the meeting, and through them is hoped other Chapters may be benefited. My plan was to inspect the work of the Chapters in all parts, including the opening ceremony, introduction of Grand Officers, examination of a visitor, minutes of meeting, reception and disposal of petitions, method of voting as used by Chapter, initiatory work and closing.

"At each meeting, too, I emphasized the desirability of varied and appropriate music, such that would not interfere with the continuity or spirit of the work. Music adds much to the effectiveness of the initiatory ceremonies."

The Grand Chapter ruled that "for the safety and protection of a Chapter a pass must be taken at the opening ceremonies."

Membership, 15,505.

Tennessee receives kindly mention by Fraternal Correspondent, Helen M. Budd.

RACHEL GARDNER, Grand Matron.
E. T. HAYHURST, Grand Patron.
HELEN M. LAFLIN, Grand Secretary.

WYOMING.

TWELFTH ANNUAL, CHEYENNE, AUGUST 31, 1909.

Grand Matron, Sister Grace W. Godwin, opened the twelfth annual session of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming, in full form.

Sister C. E. Harris, a most welcome visiting member, whose home Chapter is Magnolia, No. 27, Shreveport, Louisiana, favored the Grand Chapter with a charming vocal solo, "Down the Vale.'

Eight Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming being present, were escorted to the East and accorded the Grand Honors.

Sister Ellen J. Tilton, Past Grand Matron, and Right Worthy Grand Electa, of the General Grand Chapter, was escorted to the East and accorded the Grand Honors.

Sister Mary Barry, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Colorado, being an honored guest of the Grand Chapter, was also conducted to the East and accorded the Grand Honors.

Twenty-five Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions were also accorded the Grand Honors and given words of welcome.

Sister Adah Bryan, Worthy Matron of a local Chapter, welcomed the Grand Chapter to Cheyenne, also Brother Marion P. Wheeler, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Wyoming, said in part:

"We realize how great a factor you are in the work in which we are both engaged. You are working steadily to make mankind better, to lift them up nearer to the light, to teach them the great lesson that truth is the one great enduring principle, that purity of life is the thing greatly to be desired, and that these can only be obtained by constant effort."

The response was well rendered by Sister Estelle Barnett, Associate Grand Matron.

The Grand Matron spent a busy year, and one more than usually full of responsibility, as both the Grand Patron and Associate Grand Patron, were absent from the State for a part of the year, and their work was done in part by a deputy.

She refused three dispensations to ballot and initiate the same evening.

She appointed eighteen Grand Representatives, of whom Tennessee's is Mrs. Fannie Davis.

She visited twenty-two Chapters, gaining pleasure and encouragement therefrom.

She made fifteen decisions which were approved, also the following recommendation:

"That documentary evidence should be requested before proceeding with the examination of visitors."

The Masonic Order has been very kind to the Eastern Star in Wyoming, and the interest displayed by the leading Masons means much for the future advancement of the Order in this Jurisdiction. Every Chapter in the State meets in the halls used by the Masons, and all but eight of these are Masonic Halls; we are represented in every county except one.

The Grand Patron, Carl Jackson, whose face greets us from the proceedings, sends a good address, but on account of absence from the State, did nothing except approve the bonds of Secretary and Treasurer.

Associate Grand Patron reports two new Chapters.

This Grand Chapter being in session on August 31, an eloquent tribute was paid to our founder, Robt. Morris, by Sister Ellen J. Tilton, Worthy Grand Electa of the General Grand Chapter. The history she gives is well worth reading and will be an inspiration to all to follow in his footsteps.

Action was taken against clandestine orders, so severe as to be likely to stamp these so-called orders out of the State.

The Grand Matron was presented with a Past Grand Matron's Jewel.

ESTELLA R. BARNETT, Grand Matron.
J. M. LOWNDES, Grand Patron.
INEZ M. ROBINSON, Grand Secretary.

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I have compiled these files in hopes of Preserving the History of the Order of The Eastern Star in Tennessee.

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White Bluff- Rock City Chapter #2